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INTRIGUING COMINGS AND GOINGS YESTERDAY

KEEN INTEREST IN JAPANESE MANIFESTO

Tokyo, To-day.

Impending publication of the Japanese Government's manifesto is awaited with the keenest interest.

It is now believed that the Cabinet's deliberations resulted in a decision which will definitely settle the question of whether the possibility exists of concluding peace without delay or whether preparations must be made in view of a ruthless war of long duration.

It is hoped by the Japanese that what is equivalent to a joint decision of the Emperor and Cabinet "will not fail to produce an effect on the Chinese Government and thereby leave the door to early cessation of hostilities open."

Importance is attached, in this connection, to the conversation yesterday morning between the German Ambassador and the Japanese Foreign Minister.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. PROTEST AGAINST TOKYO TROOPS LOOTING

Washington, To-day.

The United States Ambassador in Tokyo has been instructed by the State Department to protest to the Japanese authorities at the continued looting of United States property by Japanese soldiers.

The United States Consul at Nanking yesterday reported that Japanese soldiers were entering American property and were removing goods and also evicting employees of American institutions without giving any notice or reasons for the action.—
Reuter

All Speculations To Be Set At Rest In Few Hours

Tokyo, To-day.

Speculations concerning Japan's future attitude to China will be set at rest this week-end, when a statement enunciating Japan's fundamental policy will be made public, according to reports.

Persistent German efforts to mediate, it is stated, have apparently reached a point calling for a vital decision on whether General Chiang Kai-shek will accept or turn down Japan's peace terms, which it is believed consist of ten points.

The Cabinet met at 1.50 yesterday afternoon for the alleged purpose of deciding steps to be taken to carry out the fundamental policies approved by the Imperial Conference on January 11.

After the meeting, Prince Konoye went to the Palace and reported on the decisions of the Government to the Emperor, with whom he was closeted for 45 minutes. When the Premier returned to his residence, the Cabinet met again.

While the second meeting was progressing the Foreign Minister temporarily withdrew in order to see the German Ambassador.

NEW STATEMENT

Subsequently the Cabinet drafted and informally approved a statement laying down Japan's fundamental policy to China.

This document is being submitted to a joint conference of the Cabinet and Imperial Headquarters.

Japanese & Madame Chiang

Shanghai, To-day.

Asked by pressmen whether he saw any political significance in Madame Chiang Kai-shek's visit to Hong Kong, a Japanese Embassy spokesman said: "My guess is as good as yours."

BRITAIN'S ANSWER TO JAPANESE BID

New York, To-day.

Declaring that the Singapore naval base is regarded as "Britain's answer to the Japanese bid for Far Eastern supremacy," the New York Times states: "Any agreement, express or tacit, that makes available to the American Fleet the facilities of Singapore, undoubtedly would augment its strategical utility to a considerable extent, as would reciprocal privileges extended to the British at Pearl Harbour, Hawaii."

The journal adds that any naval operations which Singapore is intended to thwart could be attempted only by the Japanese.

The Hearst journal, the "American," declares that the United States and Britain have decided on joint action if war is forced on either by Japan, and describes the American visit to Singapore as a "joint naval demonstration."—Reuter.

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"Madam is not stock size" meant that you were going to spend more time, trouble and money to get what you wanted.

Plus women have no dress problem in 1937.

To make a success of size, begin with corsets.

Two pairs, and the best you can afford. There is no figure existing which the modern corsetiere cannot "persuade." Not with bones and straps, and like tortures, but with subtlety.

Models designed for big women are a miracle of clever cutting and strong double tension where it is required. They are light and porous and wash like handkerchiefs.

Choose tailored lingerie, cut on straight lines.

Flares and bias cut garments are for the pencil slim. And this applies to coats and frocks.

Black spells elegance for size. Dark blue, hunter's green and warm mulberry are good. Unless you want to advertise your inches, avoid grey.

Wear long coats over frocks and skirts instead of suits. Size in a suit is apt to look "bolstered." Top coats squarish and "boxy," or smoothly fitted from shoulder to hem.

For materials fine crepes in silk and wool, smooth serge, canvas weaves.

At night georgette and rich dark satins. Lace and chiffon. Draperies and tricks with textures are better than trimming.

The dress you see at the top is for a plus woman.

It is made of crepe-backed satin, and both sides of the material are used. The long shoulder drapery flatters and has a dozen possibilities.

Choose it in midnight blue or black.

Wear it with simple jewels. Nothing that shines. Jade, dull gold, amber, and no corsage flowers, unless you sing on platforms and are observed from a distance.

The minus woman is at the other end of the sizing scale. She is S.S.W.

She used to get her clothes in the maids' department and her hats in the children's millinery. She wore all the prettiest slippers and shoes, because "samples" were made in her size.

Now the designers study her miniature measurements and produce some of their best designs for her. Special lingerie and stockings are made for her.

If you are S.W., don't confuse petite with pret-

The girl whose size is PLUS



ty-pretty. It is an easy mistake if you are "just as high as his heart."

Wear softly-tailored clothes and leave the classics to greater heights.

Little jacket suits and beleros are grand for you. So are tunics which are long and slim. You can get away with braided yokes and peasant necklines tied up with silk cords. You can wear sashes and those rather indecorous Victorian bodices.

Choose top coats which show off your small waistline. Princess lines flaring to the hem. Belts and box pleats at the back. Uppish collars, but not large enough to make you look top-heavy.

"Little" frocks are obviously yours.

Look at the one in black crepe and cherry velvet. It has a jacket which immediately makes it an important ensemble. It can go out to lunch or dine with the jacket on. With it off the frock is "party"... The skirt is beautifully cut, and the velvet bodice softly gathered.

Small women can wear black, but they are often better served by colours like beaver brown and reseda green. At night they can dramatise their lack of inches with old half-forgotten colours like cerise and plum-purple.

Small women can wear eye veils, turbans and little caps, pert and pointed.

Make the most of your size—large or small.

A slim yacht slipping into the bay is an exquisite sight. So is a galleon riding the tide in full sail.

To-day's Recipes

Lyonnais Potatoes.—Waxy potatoes are best for this recipe. Boil them, and when cold, cut them into thin slices and saute them in a mixture of oil and clarified butter. Then chop finely an onion previously blanched in boiling water, and fry it in butter to a golden brown. Mix in with the potatoes, and add a tablespoonful of chopped parsley, salt and pepper, and shake all well together in the saute pan.

Mushrooms a la Russe.—By way of a change, here's a Russian recipe for cooking mushrooms.

Peel and clean one pound of mushrooms, and cut them into dice, using the stems as well. Place in a stewpan with a small onion chopped very fine, two ounces of butter, half a cupful of water, pinch of salt and generous sprinkling of pepper.

Simmer gently until tender, add a cup of cream, stir until quite hot and serve.

A GOOD polish for mahogany is made of equal parts of linseed oil, paraffin oil, and vinegar, and one tablespoon of methylated spirits. Rub in sparingly and polish with a soft cloth. For oak, use linseed oil. For enamel, use turpentine and water.

WHEN changing the needle in a sewing machine, thread the new needle before inserting it.

TO flavour food slightly with garlic, place two or three cloves of garlic in a clean muslin bag and cook it with the food when required. When not in use, dry the bag and keep it in an airtight tin. Garlic thus used will keep its flavour for months.

IN hot weather, if meat is washed with sour milk or buttermilk, and hung in a cool place, it will keep good for many days. This coating must be washed off before roasting the meat.

The wise "plus-girl" keeps away from things that shine and lots of corsage flowers when she's out in the evening.

And she wears colours that make her look more like a willow and less like a bolster.

She wears simple jewels and flat furs.

The wise "minus-girl" avoids looking pretty-pretty and top-heavy. And she dramatizes her lack of inches with old half-forgotten colours.

She wears eye veils, turbans and little caps with success.

She chooses top coats which show off her small waistline, and appish collars.

Swing a Leg—and have slim hips

A SLIM, neat hip line is an asset. A broad, spreading hip line is not.

There are no two ways about it.

The one makes all the difference in the world to the

The one makes all the difference in the world to the set of your clothes, the line of your silhouette and the grace of your walk, and the other ruins the look of a good frock, gives you a bulge in your figure-profile and makes it very hard for you not to waddle like a duck.

Never mind.

Try to correct your hip line by "swing a leg." Here's a very easy exercise. Begin to do it now.

DO THE EXERCISES LIKE THIS

ONE Hold on to a chair-back with your right hand and rise on to the toes of the right foot. Now swing your leg forward Then swing it backward to TWO Swing easily and vigorously forward and backward like this twenty times. Keep your body upright and your knee straight, but not stiff. Now turn round and do the same thing with the other leg.

THREE Holding the chair as before, swing your leg easily and vigorously sideways, upwards and down again twenty times. Then turn round and do the same with the other leg.



Her Hair is Going Grey!

Q. I am very distressed because my hair is going grey. Is there any gland I can take to stop this before it goes too far?

A. I'm sorry to say that nothing will stop it. Early greyness runs in some families, and is occasionally due to a gouty tendency. It might be worth having this investigated, but that is as much as you can do.

Q. I broke my leg a year ago, playing hockey. It seems quite all right now. Do you think it would be safe for me to start playing again?

A. If the leg is perfectly straight, it should be stronger than it was before the fracture and it will be quite safe for you to play.

Q. I have always been constipated and have been told to eat plenty of "roughage." But all this does is to give me a pain.

A. Your kind of constipation is due to having an irritable intestine, which screws itself up painfully and lets nothing through. Roughage makes this

worse. A bland diet, liquid paraffin and very small doses of cascara would suit you much better.

Q. I suffer from anaemia and I have been taking liver extract for months, but I don't seem to get any better.

A. Liver cures pernicious anaemia, but not the other kinds. For simple anaemia you must take iron. Liver as well helps, but the iron is essential and in large doses. Any chemist will sell you a good preparation.

Q. Do you believe in having tonsils out, because I don't, but the doctor says mine ought to be done. Isn't there a diet I could take to cure them?

A. What you really mean is that you are in a blue funk about it. That's the usual reason why people don't believe in operations. Be a man. You'll survive. Get a second opinion about it first.

Q. Are lemons good for slimming? I have been taking them for six months, but don't get any thinner.

A. Lemons make a nice refreshing drink, but I don't know of any condition at all they are good or bad for.

Because

WOMEN BUY HUBBY'S CLOTHES

It Does Not Mean That They Do Not Need Aid

BUSINESS men in London dislike more and more anything in the nature of uniform outfit. The frock coat and top hat enjoyed an exceptional run, covering not only decades but generations. At long last the more graceful lines of a morning coat were preferred; but the reign of the cutaway in shops and offices was short. At the right moment a well-known financier adopted a black jacket and waistcoat with striped trousers, which permitted members of the Stock Exchange and others to retain their glossy topers. Tradesmen and shop assistants followed suit, but wore derbies.

Gradually this characteristic dress lost its hold because men preferred the sartorial freedom of the leisured classes. The younger men jibed at a special brand and bought stylish suits of dittos. This spread from stockbrokers to merchants and finally to managers and assistants.

Favoured Dark Gray And Blue

I recently asked a City tailor of standing if his customers had given up this rig altogether. He replied that few—black jacket suits were made; and most men in Throgmorton Street and district favoured dark gray and dark blue worsteds. When black jackets actually are ordered, they are not of plain cloth, but of Shethand herringbone or raised herringbone worsted; which applies to morning coats as well. I also learned that black double-breasted reefers have a following. On good rule is that trousers accompanying such coats should not be made with turned-up hems.

Gone Into Public Service

It would be a mistake to assume that an outfit with such an honourable past has lost prestige. On the contrary, it has moved up in the social scale. Statesmen and politicians find it useful for the House of Commons, for public luncheons, and when visiting their constituencies. There is something safe and reassuring about it; moreover it calls for smart accessories. You need good shoes with the trousers, a white collar with the jacket, above all, a black homburg or derby. Politicians welcome this kit as a compromise between the formal and those tweedy clothes which smack of recreation or even levity. And most politicians find public life itself largely a matter of compromise.

With The Foreign Office Hat

Mr. Anthony Eden delights in black jacket and striped

trousers with his Foreign Office hat. I saw him a short time ago in such attire, the trousers of black worsted with sharply defined white stripes and socks en suite. He carried gloves, hat and umbrella in left hand, the right unhampered for greeting friends. Most members of the Cabinet possess such a suit and make good use of it.

New Style Overcoat

A new overcoat has made an appearance, a two-way belted style. The belt may pass across back outside, enter slots at side, and then fasten inside at front all-round belt outside. Also it can become loose or close-fitting at wearer's discretion. In overcoats as well as suits and even with dress clothes there is the same demand as noted in black jackets; customers will have a pattern to brighten up the surface. As one tailor phrased it, "They require an interesting cloth."

A Spice Of Novelty

The dress scarf is generally all-white or with black monogram and fringe. Some of the new designs break down convention. One displays a neat window-pane check as motif. Another inserts little top hats woven in the material. No surprise will be felt if gay little figures in top hats, white ties and tails dance up and down scarves and wraps. An enterprising hosier sponsors silk handkerchiefs with a spice of novelty; white with a red pattern and red scored with white discs. For customers' benefit a space is left in the corner for monogram. Braces become less conservative and leather tends to be popular. For example: one pair is in dark and light-brown shades, the other of plaited leather in dark brown. You can also buy elastic braces finished with chains instead of leather and cord.

Ties For Tastes Many

Men pay more attention to ties than any article in the wardrobe; and it has become an axiom that cravats indicate character. Many number their ties in dozens or scores, so that manufacturers are constantly launching fresh designs. Stripes, whether single, or in clusters, are set wider apart to chime with current suits and shirts. Madder designs appear in the smartest windows with woven Paisley patterns in foulard silk. For those who prefer neat but distinctive styles there are range of geometrical designs on dark grounds. Possibly the most attractive ties to be seen are those with floral designs.

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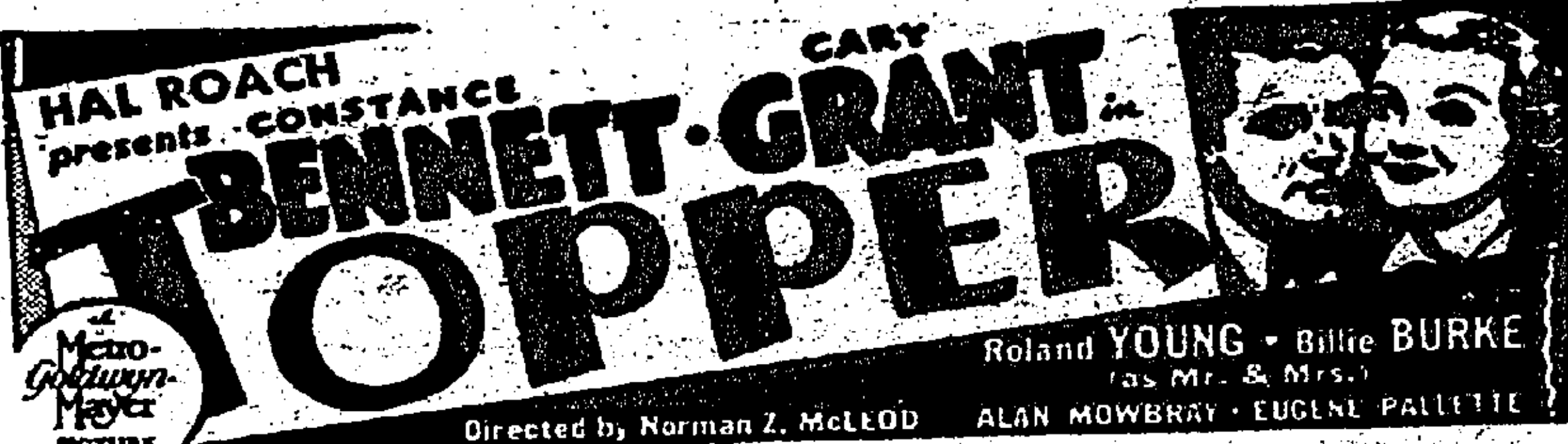
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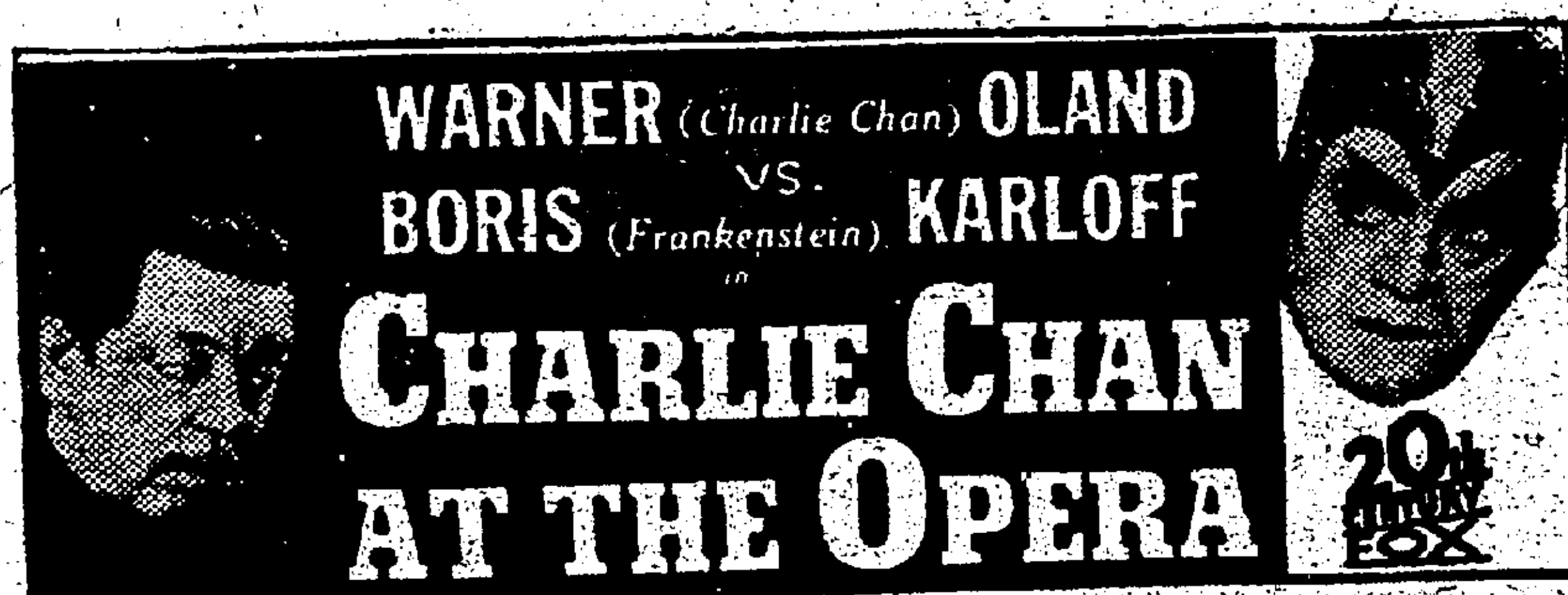
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A 16 h.p. six-cylinder police car was driven continuously between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. for a week over four routes, three passing through the heart of the city and the fourth along the North Circular-road.

Average speeds were carefully checked. Between Ludgate-circus and Commercial-road it was 5.85 miles an hour, on one journey the pace dropping to 3½ m.p.h., and between Euston-road and Trafalgar-square down Tottenham Court-road the average was 7.7 m.p.h.

Considerate Drivers

On the North Circular-road the speed averaged 23½ m.p.h. The car, it is stated, was driven by a professional chauffeur at a pace corresponding to that normally adopted by cautious and considerate drivers.

Aeroplanes and aerial photographs have been used for Sir Charles Bressey's survey, particular attention being devoted to the changes to be caused by re-building Thames bridges, new housing estates, the Green Belt, slum clearances, growth of new industries, and the possibility of more riverside embankments and new bridges and tunnels. Progress is reported everywhere in making the roads safer. During the year 2,093 road junctions were improved, 1,168 miles of footpaths were laid, 7,017 corners were banked, 4,793 "major road ahead" signs erected, pedestrian guard rails installed at 500 sites, 2,400 new pedestrian crossings laid down, bringing the total to 27,000, and traffic lights installed at 188 junctions.

Motor taxation in 1936 yielded £32,320,043, of which the Treasury took £5,185,186, and the Road Fund received £27,427,000. The Road Fund paid £21,000,000 in grants.

**DANISH KING &
THE BUFFS**Visit To Sergeants
Mess

The King of Denmark, who is Colonel-in-Chief of The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment), visited the 2nd Battalion at St. Lucia Barracks, Bordon, Hants, recently.

Most of the men were on Christmas leave, and there was no parade, but the Royal salute was given by the battalion guard as the Danish flag was hoisted.

With Major-Gen. Sir John Kennedy, colonel of the regiment, and Lt.-Col. G. F. Hamilton, the commanding officer, King Christian inspected the quarters. He watched a squad of supplementary reservists being instructed in the new light

**WOMAN SHOT IN
LONDON HOTEL**FORMER NURSE TO
POLISH PRINCE**PAWNED
JEWELLERY
TO COME HOME**

An Englishwoman who was for several years nurse and housekeeper to Prince Michael Radziwill of Poland was found shot dead in her bed at the Park Royal Hotel, Leinster-gardens, Hyde Park.

She was identified as Miss Mary Josephine Atkinson, aged 49.

The tragedy was discovered by a maid. Death was due to a bullet wound in the head, and there was a revolver at the side of the bed. The police view is that the wound was self-inflicted.

No shots were heard in the hotel and none of the guests was aware of the tragedy.

Miss Atkinson went to Poland in 1929 and was employed as nurse and housekeeper by Prince Michael. Later she became manager of the Prince's estate at Antonin, in Western Poland.

Permit Not Extended

Last summer the Polish authorities refused to extend her permit to stay in the country and Miss Atkinson went to Danzig. From there she returned to England.

While in Danzig and after her return to this country she corresponded with the Prince, asking him to use his influence to secure a new permit for her.

A friend of Miss Atkinson said, that when he telephoned her at the hotel she was in bed with influenza. "I am feeling terribly depressed," she said to him, adding: "I am sick of life."

He said that he first met her when he visited Prince Michael's estate in Poland in October, 1936. He met her again in London early last month.

"Miss Atkinson told me that she had had to pawn her jewellery to return to England," he added. "She said that she was penniless, but that she was owed about £2,000 by a debtor abroad."

"She was trying to institute an action for the recovery of this money and certain belongings which she had had to leave behind. She told me that her London lawyer was in correspondence with the British Foreign Office and the Polish Embassy here on the subject."

Prince Michael's Marriage

Prince Michael Radziwill, who is 67, has been described as a millionaire. He has twice been divorced. He is engaged to be married, to Mme. Cuhestov, a divorced Jewish woman from Polish Galicia, whose age is given as 31. The marriage was to have taken place on November 6, but there was last-minute hitch.

Court proceedings to stop the marriage have been instituted by members of the Radziwill family, which is one of the oldest and most aristocratic in Poland, and is linked with the Imperial Houses of Habsburg and Hohenzollern.

machine-gun.

His Majesty visited the sergeants' mess, where he and the officers with him had sherry with the sergeant-major. He lunched in the officers' mess.

Before leaving he invested Lt.-Col. Hamilton and Lt.-Col. Dean with the insignia of Commander of the Order of the Dannebrog. Major G. R. Howe and Major E. H. Allen were each made Chevalier of the Order, and R.S.M. Ransley and R.Q.M.S. Ricketts received the medal of the Order.

SHOT NURSE'S ROMANCE WITH MILLIONAIRE PRINCE

London, December 17.

Behind the tragedy of Nurse Mary J. J. Atkinson (49), found shot dead in bed in an hotel at Leinster Gardens, W.2, yesterday morning with a revolver by her side, lies the story of a broken romance with a millionaire Polish prince who has announced his intention of marrying the 28-year-old mannequin daughter of a Jewish greengrocer.

Miss Atkinson was for eight years a very close friend of Prince Michael Radziwill, of Poland, whom she nursed out of a great illness, the "News Chronicle" Warsaw Correspondent telephoned last night.

Later she became the manageress of his big estate, numerous mines and forests in Central and Western Poland.

Prince Michael was a friend of the late King George and the Kaiser. In 1929 he went to London to consult King George's physicians.

On their advice Miss Atkinson was engaged as the Prince's nurse and went with him to Biarritz and later to his estate at Antonin, Western Poland, where she remained with him till this year.

PERMIT TO STAY REFUSED

During that time she managed his affairs in a most efficient way. The pair were greatly attached to each other.

This year, however, the Polish authorities for some unknown reason refused to renew the permit for Miss Atkinson to stay in Poland.

She was forced to leave the Prince's palace and went to Danzig. Here she wrote to the Prince and waited for an invitation to return to him. But all appeals to the Polish authorities proved fruitless, and Miss Atkinson was compelled early this year to return to London. She was broken-hearted.

IN LOVE WITH YOUNG JEWESS

A few weeks ago the Prince fell in love with a young and beautiful Polish Jewess named Suchestow,

and he announced his intention to marry her. She took Miss Atkinson's place in the palace of Antonin, and the wedding, after a last-minute hitch on November 5 in Cracow, was fixed for December 25.

This news would probably further distress Miss Atkinson.

In Antonin the news of her death has caused profound regret. The peasants and servants on the Prince's estate were greatly attached to the English nurse, whom they regarded as his future wife.

PREPARING FOR WEDDING

The Prince himself is not in residence at the palace. He is believed to be in Paris preparing for the wedding.

Prince Radziwill, who was for many years in the Russian diplomatic service, is related to many members of the Polish and foreign nobility and is a relative of the Polish Ambassador in Washington.

There is opposition to his proposed wedding from the Prince's family, who contend that the annulment of a previous marriage was not valid.

IN LONDON TWO MONTHS

The "News Chronicle" learned last night that Miss Atkinson arrived at the hotel in London about two months ago from Danzig.

Since her arrival she had spent most of her time in bed and had been attended by a doctor. She said she was not looking forward to Christmas, and that it would be one of the quietest she had spent for some time. So far as is known, she had no relatives in London.

The discovery of her death was made by the head porter, who was called to her room by her maid, the door being locked.

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UNDER-ESTIMATE OF CHINESE STRENGTH

Hankow, To-day.

Following several days of heavy fighting, the front along the Tientsin-Pukow railway has become quiet again.

Japanese cavalry and machine-gun units are being concentrated near the Imperial Canal, west of Tsinlin and plan to reach the Lunghai Railway from the southwest. Experts state that the Japanese apparently underestimate the fighting strength of the Chinese near Hsuehchow.—Trans-Ocean.

COLONEL BECK AND BARON VON NEURATH

Berlin, To-day.

A lengthy conversation was held yesterday between the German Foreign Minister, Baron von Neurath, and the Polish Foreign Minister, Col. Joseph Beck, says an official communique.

Revealing no details of the talks, the communique says that the general political situation was discussed.—Trans-Ocean.

His Excellency the Governor has directed that the name of Mr. Donald MacAlister be added to the List of Authorized Architects.

GERMAN PROTESTS IN WASHINGTON AGAINST EX-AMBASSADOR'S SPEECH

Washington, To-day.

The German Ambassador, Dr. Hans Dieckhoff, has protested to the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, against the speech delivered in New York on Thursday by Mr. William Dodd, former United States Ambassador to Germany.

In the speech Mr. Dodd described Herr Hitler as "now more absolute than any mediæval emperor of Germany," and added that almost as many personal opponents were killed in five years as were executed in twenty years in the seventeenth century.

In an oral representation, Dr. Dieckhoff described Mr. Dodd's speech as an "unheard of insult to a friendly nation."

Replying to the protest, Mr. Cordell Hull later stated, he had informed Dr. Dieckhoff that Mr. Dodd, having resigned the Ambassadorship, spoke as a private citizen who as an individual under the Constitution, was entitled to freedom of speech.

OWN INITIATIVE

It is believed that Dr. Dieckhoff acted on his own initiative to forestall an expected request by the German Government for a strong protest.—Reuter.

FRANC NOT QUOTED

Paris, To-day.

No official quotation for the franc was available on the Bourse yesterday.—Trans-Ocean.

The name of Dr. Antony Warren Dawson-Grove, M.B., B.S., Alexandra Building, has been added to the Register of Medical Practitioners entitled to practice medicine in the Colony.

LOWER DECK MUST NOT TALK

The Admiralty have just staged a Naval surprise which is causing comment on the Lower Deck.

Recent Fleet Orders have reminded officers and men of the existence of Article 17 of the King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions which forbids all persons belonging to the Fleet to publish any information relating to the Naval Service unless by permission of the Admiralty.

In the case of officers, permission to write articles or give interviews on Service life is seldom refused. In the case of men, it is rarely granted. It is learned, however, that the real aim of this re-publication is to prevent sailors coming ashore discussing any matter with local newspapers.

It often occurs that when an accident is reported, local papers are anxious to obtain details fuller than those officially issued. If however, any one of the crew gave any particulars he would be liable to severe punishment under this Regulation.

Strong efforts are being made to get the matter raised in the House of Commons.

FURTHER BLOW TO "COMMUNISM"

Berlin, To-day.

The outcome of the Budapest Conference of Italy, Austria and Hungary is hailed by the usually officially inspired "Diplomatic Correspondence" as a "further blow to Communism and strengthening the Berlin-Rome axis."

Impending recognition by Austria and Hungary of Gen. Franco is clear definition of these countries' attitude towards Moscow as well as Spain.—Trans-Ocean.

The names of the Chung Hin Steamship Company, the Anglo-Chinese-Philippine Finance and Investment Corporation and Woe and Mok, Limited, have been struck off the Register.



Boys of the Nautical College, Pangbourne, Berks, model making at the Handicraft Club at the College where boys receive special training for the Merchant Service and Royal Naval Reserve. (Fox Copyright).

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS OF U.S. SINGAPORE VISIT

Regarded As More Significant Than Courtesy Call

NO OTHER NATION'S SHIPS INVITED TO BE PRESENT

London, To-day.

The participation of American naval vessels—the three cruisers, Trenton, Milwaukee and Memphis—in the inauguration of the completed Singapore Base, is occasioning some speculation.

The announcement generally is interpreted as possessing significance much beyond that involved in customary naval courtesy visits.

Its strategic implications in view of the Far Eastern situation is obvious.

It is stated in London that the American warships will be the only ships of a foreign naval Power asked to be present on the occasion of the official opening, thus eliminating the suggesting made in some quarters that the French or Dutch (or even the Japanese) might also attend.

COMBINED EXERCISES

Meanwhile, the War Office issues a statement on behalf of itself, the Admiralty and Air Ministry, announcing that combined operations and exercises will be held in Singapore at the beginning of February, in which ships of the East Indies and China Squadrons and the Royal Indian Navy will participate, together with troops of the Singapore garrison, excluding the Volunteers, but reinforced by the 1st/2nd Punjabi Regiment and the Malay Regiment.

The R.A.F. squadrons in Singapore, reinforced by some units from India and Iraq, will also participate.

TESTING DEFENCES

The statement adds that Combined Exercises of this nature are carried out from time to time with a view to testing various of the defences of Singapore and is part of normal training.

The forthcoming exercises which are expected to be on the same scale as last year will be of a comprehensive nature and afford a further opportunity of studying the particular problems affecting each of the Services.

The exercise, however, as is inevitable in such a case, will contain artificial elements which will prevent any precise conclusions from being drawn.—Reuter.

COMMANDING OFFICERS

The Commander-in-Chief, East Indies Squadron, Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Ramsay will be in command of the naval forces.

The military forces will be under the command of Major General W. G. S. Dobbie, General Officer Commanding, Malaya.

R.A.F. units in the defending

HEAVY FIRING PRACTICE PROGRAMME

Firing Practice will be carried out from Stonecutters on Tuesday, 25th January, 1938, between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

Firing Area "E" will be affected.

Firing Practice will be carried out from Pakshawan on Wednesday, 26th January, 1938, between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

Firing Area "A" will be affected.

Firing Practice will be carried out from Belchers, Mount Davis and Stonecutters on Thursday, 27th January, 1938, between the hours of 4.00 p.m. and 10.00 p.m.

Firing Areas "D", "D" and "E" respectively will be affected.

Firing Practice will be carried out from Mount Davis and Stonecutters on Friday, 28th January, 1938, between the hours of 12 noon and 6.00 p.m.

Firing Areas "D" and "E" will be affected.

Firing Practice will be carried out from Stonecutters Battery on 20th January, 1938, and 21st January, 1938 commencing at 9.00 a.m. on each day until 12 noon.

Alternative day—22nd January, 1938 from 0900 hours to 12 noon.

Firing Area "E" will be affected. In accordance with sub-section 3 of section 4 of the Defences (Firing Areas) Ordinance, 1936, masters of vessels and pilots of aircraft exempt from the operation of this Ordinance under section 10 are warned to assist in the carrying out of the firing practice by hastening through the firing area affected, or by consenting to be towed out of the firing area, if necessary, by any vessel acting under the orders of the Military Authorities.

force will be under the immediate command of Air Vice-Marshal A. W. Tedder, Air Officer Commanding, Royal Air Force, Far East Command.—British Wireless.

BANK GOVERNOR RESPONSIBLE

Paris, To-day.
Considerable tension exists in Paris and the capital is buzzing with rumours.

Lobby gossip has it that the Governor of the Bank of France, who strongly favoured exchange control, caused the fall of the Chautemps Government.—Trans-Ocean.

MR. EDEN RETURNING TO LONDON

London, To-day.

The Foreign Secretary is understood greatly to have been rested from his Riviera holiday during the past fortnight and has decided to return to London.

He is arriving to-day and will have an early opportunity of consultations with the Prime Minister who has been in charge of the Foreign Office during Mr. Eden's absence.

The Prime Minister is spending the week-end at Chequers.

In the meantime, in view of the resignation of the French Government, it is likely that the League Council, which was to meet at Geneva on Monday and for which Mr. Eden was proposing to leave London on Sunday will be postponed until January 26th.—British Wireless.

LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING POSTPONED

Geneva, To-day.

The meeting of the League Council, originally fixed for Monday, has now been postponed until January 26.

The postponement was proposed to the countries concerned by the Secretary-General at the request of the French Government, supported by the British, although the Rumanian Foreign Minister had already arrived at Geneva and other Ministers are on the way.

It is not expected that the request will meet with any opposition, although it may encounter some criticism.—Reuter.

SARRAUT ASKED TO FORM GOVERNMENT

Paris, To-day.

M. Edouard Daladier has refused President Lebrun's invitation to form a Government owing to the importance of his task in conducting the Ministry of Defence at the present juncture.

The President has as a result summoned M. Albert Sarraut, Minister of State.—Reuter.

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R.A.F. PLANES FLY

100,000,000 Miles A Year

Aeroplanes of the R.A.F. have in the past year flown about 100,000,000 miles, writes an air correspondent. If all the flights were joined as a continuous line, it would reach as far as the sun — about 92,900,000 miles from the earth — and nearly three times round the sun's 2,715,428 miles equator. The imaginary flight would have taken more than 80 years.

The Air Ministry does not divulge the flying time year's aggregate of the Air Force. The estimate above is based on the number of pilots serving and under training, and on knowledge of the amount of flying done in the various categories. Then, the speeds of the numerous types of aeroplanes are taken into account.

There are machines in the Service which can attain a speed exceeding 300 m.p.h., and a considerable number only a few miles short of 300 m.p.h. Some of the training machines do nearly 200 m.p.h. But aeroplanes are rarely put to their maximum speeds; they are flown, normally, at economical speeds, and there is much flying at less than that. My calculations are based on cruising speeds of the various types, and of these I have taken a conservative view.

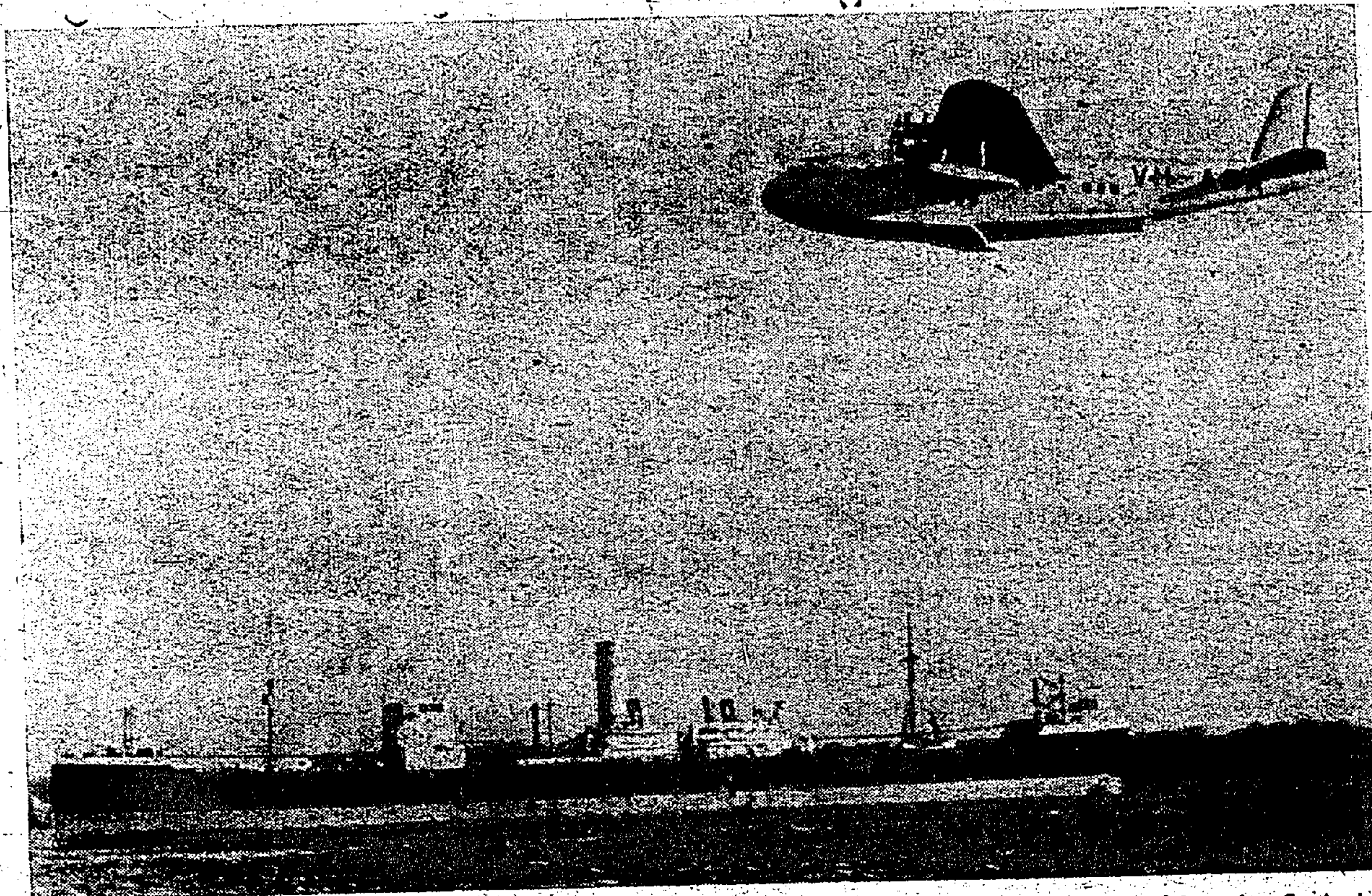
DOUBLED IN TWO YEARS

It was estimated that in 1935 the aggregate mileage was about 50,000,000. In the past two years the R.A.F. has been more than

doubled, and the average speed has gone up considerably.

There are more than 2,000 first-line machines, and about 600 training aircraft in the Flight Training Schools and in the training of R. A. F. personnel at civil flight training centres. Training of the new Volunteer Reserve, the annual obligatory flying of the Reserve of Air Officers, and the work of the Fleet Air Arm are included.

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The Imperial Airways flyingboat Carpentaria left Southampton recently for Karachi on its first stage. From there it will operate between Singapore and Sydney when this service is opened. (Fox Copyright).

THE WORLD GOES BY

By "ULYSSES"

MEET his Majesty King Anthony of England.

H. M. King Anthony, Rex Imperator, F.D., has just issued a proclamation announcing that he is the legal king of England.

He traces his descent from Henry VII, and in doing so manages to cast considerable doubt (to my untutored mind) as to the claims of the present Ruling House.

King Anthony is enthroned at 19, King's-crescent, London, N.A. Telephone, Stamford Hill 4349.

He says:—

"In February, 1931, We served a

document on George V pointing out that he was not of British royal descent. In 1932 we issued a long Manifesto, and on December 1, 1936, we served an Injunction on the Earl Marshal.

"On April 12, 1937, a similar Injunction was served on Dr. Lang at Lambeth Palace. Since 1930 we have addressed over a thousand public meetings in England and Wales, and at these meetings tens of thousands of copies of our Manifesto have been distributed."

His Majesty, with commendable shrewdness, has not forgotten the Mint.

Under Tudor Rule (i.e. Anthony) all privately owned mints, called banks shall be confiscated, transferred to the State, and reopened as branches of the Royal Mint of England.

Further inquiries regarding the proposed removal of the present Royal Family should be directed to Anthony, Rex Imperator, F.D., at the Regal Headquarters, Stamford Hill.

Last year there were 88 fatal accidents, with a loss of 141 lives, and these casualties should be considered in relation to the amount of flying.

CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS

By Comparison with 1934 and 1935, which were years of exceptionally few fatal accidents, the figures for 1936 and 1937 are unfortunately, high. But by comparison with the previous five or six years there is a proportional decrease despite the fact that in these last two years' training of new personnel has been carried out to a far greater extent than in normal times. In the past year, also, an exceptionally large number passed from training types to service types, thus entering upon a recognised dangerous phase in the flying career.

There has been no attempt to abate the high standard of flying, or to make less exacting demands upon the personnel. The R. A. F. is the best-trained air force in the world.

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MR. CHAO CHI TO BE MAYOR OF TSINGTAO UNDER PEIPING Japanese Programme For New Puppet Organisation

TWO RIVALS FOR THE POST NOT HIGHLY FAVOURED

Tsingtao, To-day.

Mr. Chao Chi, Director-General of the Tsingtao administration under the former Peiping regime, will most probably be appointed Governor of Tsingtao by the Peiping "provisional government," which has assumed jurisdiction over the port, according to reports.

Supporting these reports, a despatch has been received stating that Mr. Chao is en route to Tsingtao by steamer although he has two rivals for the post, namely, Mr. Wen Shou-teh, another former Governor, and Mr. Chu Hsuan-peng, commander of the provincial troops in Mr. Wen's time.

Choice of Mr. Chao is most likely as he is persona grata with the Japanese and popular socially with the foreigners.

It is expected that the five-barred flag will be hoisted if and when he assumes office.

Tsingtao was the last place in China to haul down the old flag on the occasion of Mr. Chao's departure on May 8, 1929.

Before leaving, Mr. Chao gave instructions for the flag to fly over the administration building until his ship left port for Dairen.

FOUR YEARS MAYOR

He was Governor and Mayor from July, 1925, to May, 1929, when he left as a political refugee in the face of the advancing Nationalist troops.

Mr. Chao returned to Tsingtao after Admiral Shen Hung-lich was appointed Mayor, and remained until last September when he went to Tientsin.

Railway guards and employees of the Kaotsi Railway yesterday marched to the police station. They were requested to leave the premises as the South Manchuria Railway is taking over. The Japanese army, they added, at present is taking an inventory.—Reuter.

SOLDIER ACCUSED OF WOUNDING HORSE

Tail Amputated

Geoffrey Edward Ellis, the son of a civil servant occupying a high position, whose name was written down in court, was committed for trial at Surrey quarter sessions on a charge of feloniously wounding a horse.

Bail was allowed.

An inspector of the R.S.P.C.A. said he was called to a field at Ash Vale, near Aldershot, where a horse appeared to have tethered to a wire border fence. Later, at the house of Mr. William Jarrett, of Fleet, a veterinary surgeon, he was shown the tail of a horse. There were four deep gashes through to the bone on the tail.

In a statement alleged to have been made to the police, Ellis said he was serving in the Royal Scots Greys, stationed at Hounslow. While staying on leave with friends at Farnborough he went to Ash

BRITAIN'S ATTACK ON CANCER

CHAIN OF RADIUM CENTRES PLANNED HOPE OF AID FROM GOVERNMENT

A chain of radium treatment centres covering the whole country and organised on a national basis is foreshadowed in the annual report of the Radium Commission.

The Commission believes that, to secure a reasonable standard of service for the treatment of cancer cases throughout the country, "there is need for the whole problem to be attacked by the Government along national lines."

The Government, it is understood has been approached by the Commission, and it is hoped that some scheme may be created by which a contribution towards the cost of treatment in regional centres might be made through local authorities on the basis of so much per patient.

It is stated in the report that only a proportion of cancer cases suitable for radiotherapy treatment is receiving that treatment.

Outlining the type of treatment centre required, the Commission states that it must:

Have accommodation for not fewer than 300 beds;

Maintain facilities for permitting the treatment of at least 400 new cancer patients every year;

Employ a whole-time radiotherapist and physicist;

Keep fully occupied at least one gramme of radium; and

Possess a deep X-ray apparatus, as well as having consultants for all departments.

The Commission states that a plan such as is indicated would receive immediate support from both the voluntary and statutory hospitals, and from the universities, colleges of surgeons and physicians.

Vale and saw a horse in a field. After riding it he tied it to the fence and tried to cut its tail off with his clasp knife. The horse became restive and he was not able to complete the job.

MECHANISING INDIAN ARMY

London, To-day.
Mechanisation of the Indian Army is proceeding apace.
The latest order covers four Indian cavalry regiments, which are being mechanised forthwith, with tanks and armoured cars.—Trans-Ocean.

HUNGARY CLOSES DOORS

Budapest, To-day.

No Jewish emigration from Rumania is to be allowed into Hungary.

This decision was taken by the Hungarian Council of Ministers yesterday, which ordered more thorough control measures at the frontier.

In a press statement, the Premier, M. Daranyi, declared that Jews from Rumania would under no circumstances be given a visa to enter Hungary, and a transit visa would be issued only when passports contain a valid visa for another country.—Trans-Ocean.

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS

The following official appointments, etc. are announced in the "Government Gazette":—

Mr. H. R. Butters to be Police Magistrate, Kowloon.

Hon. Mr. T. H. King resumed duty as Commissioner of Police.

Mr. R. R. Todd to be Protector of Labour.

Mr. W. Elliott to be an Inspector of Labour, Factories and Workshops.

Mr. D. W. Phillips to be an Assistant Inspector of Labour, Factories and Workshops.

Dr. P. B. Wilkinson to be an Official Justice of the Peace.

Dr. G. D. R. Black resumed

AMOY BRANCH OF BANK OF TAIWAN SEIZED

Tokyo, To-day.

A Japanese report says that the Chinese military authorities at Amoy have seized the branch offices of the Bank of Formosa, (Taiwan?) which they have been using as their offices since January 3.

The information says that Chinese oppression of Formosan residents in Amoy is worsening and two Formosans, one an executive member of the Formosan Association in Amoy and the other secretary, were recently executed by firing squad.—Reuter.

charge of the Cuban Consulate.

Mr. T. Nakamura appointed Japanese Consul-General at H. K.

Mr. D. E. Davis to be an Assistant Analyst, I. and E. D.

Comdr. W. N. Kingdom to be an Officer Instructor to the H.K.N.V.F.

Mr. Yeung Ngok-sang, Malarial Inspector, appointed for the work of mosquito elimination.

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CHURCH DOCTRINE

One quite certain effect of the Report of the Commission appointed fifteen years ago to consider Christian doctrine as viewed by the Church of England will be to sharpen the cleavage between the Church of England and the Church of Rome. Sufficient for that are the challenges to the evidence for the Virgin Birth and to literalistic belief in the Resurrection. Whether it will serve its avowed purpose, in demonstrating the extent of agreement within the Anglican Church and showing how far differences can be removed, is a matter much less easy to judge, and verdicts generally will be reserved until more detailed resumes, or the full Report, are made available. Much obscurantism about religion has clearly received a death-blow, and the finding that educated Christians agree that much in the Bible is of mythological origin, having symbolic and not historic value, will remove a burden from many minds, even if it fails completely to lift these matters out of the realm of controversy.

These are days, however, when recognition of the value of the work of the Commission is likely to be slighter than might be so were world conditions happier and calmer. For there is a growing conviction in many minds that Christian (or religious) thought can no longer be divorced from political thought. Mr. Lionel Curtis, in his short third volume of *Civitas Dei*, just published by MacMillan in London, has recently made a real contribution to the thinking of our time on this thesis. It is one of his main contentions that the Church should get away from anxiety about doctrine and doctrine, work on the principle that the essence of the teaching of Jesus of Nazareth was "Love Thy Neighbour As Thyself", and that the full Christian message is necessarily concerned not only with the problems of the individual but with the political and economic institutions of society. For the reason that the individual cannot grow to his full moral or spiritual stature except as a citizen of a free commonwealth in which he is able to share the responsibility for framing and enforcing the laws which govern society and for seeing that the laws really promote the well-being of everybody.

His third and most original

conclusion is that we have arrived at a moment in social evolution when civilised and Christian man must overcome the limitations of nationalism or our present civilisation will destroy itself, as civilisation has often been destroyed before.

His argument on this point is based primarily not on political or economic considerations but upon the fact that the rise in human stature and civilisation is traceable first in the discovery by Moses and the Israelites of the moral law as the true foundation of society, then in the discovery of the fundamentals of the democratic commonwealth in the city states of Greece, then in the combination of the two through the discovery of the representative system in Christian England in Plantagenet days, and finally in the invention of the federal system by the Fathers of the American Constitution which enabled a responsible democratic Commonwealth to be enlarged to include an area as large as Europe, forty-eight "state" commonwealths and 130,000,000 people.

To-day, however, Mr. Curtis contends, it is impossible for the Christian to be content with the national state and modern inventions make it possible for him to transcend it. For the national state implies that the citizen loves and owes a duty to all his fellow citizens but not to his fellow men who are members of other and rival commonwealths. The international world is therefore a world ruled not by love but by indifference, fear or hatred. The time has therefore come when, if the precepts of the Founder of Christianity are to be obeyed, the national commonwealth must give way to the international or world commonwealth, through which alone the citizen can manifest his unity with and discharge his duty of loving all his fellow men as himself.

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A Two-Fisted Mouse

A mouse has threatened the foundation of a modern state—a very special mouse, to be sure, but still a mouse. Yugoslavia has deported Mickey Mouse because of his subversive antics in the newspaper *Politica*. Mickey, it appears, was getting involved in affairs of state, and his popularity was driving his comic strip foes to cabals, juntas and other revolutionary devices. Yugoslavian censors began to see Mickey as a one-mouse revolution disseminating dangerous ideas. No word has been received to indicate whether or not Donald Duck, Pluto and Horace Horsecollar have also been exiled as bomb-throwing plotters.

Mickey, with such press notices as these, may transform the world's concept of a mouse. To be mouselike may come to suggest ferociousness and the courage of a lion. The Yugoslavian censor may have "turned earth's surface rough" for Mickey, but not even a Hollywood mouse can expect Green Pastures and Parmesan Fields all the time. Mickey has demonstrated that a mouse can cast a shadow as large as an elephant. But he has retained at least one tradition of the mouse—he has more than one hole to his abode, and if Yugoslavia plugs one of them, there are thousands more where he will run no risk of deportation on the grounds of subversive activity.

ROUND THE HORN ON A HORSE

A. F. Tschiffely, who made the greatest horseback ride on record—10,000 miles from Buenos Ayres to Washington—is leaving for South America in a few weeks to begin a journey from Buenos Ayres to Cape Horn.

He described his plans to a "News Chronicle" representative recently, and made a vigorous protest against the activities of pseudo-travellers who write pseudo-books about pseudo-places and peoples.

IT WASN'T EXCITING!

Do you know that so much nonsense has been written and published about Latin America that it is often quite difficult for a genuine traveller to find publisher for his books.

"So difficult was it to obtain publication for a book of fact after a flood of lying romance had been lost on the world that I spent 10 months in America trying to publish the story of my ride. They said it wasn't sensational.

In the new journey I shall not make the whole journey by horse because I don't want to be away for more than six months. I shall take a car wherever possible.

I intend to start in the New Year from Buenos Ayres, travelling by car down to the Rio Negro—the Black River—where there is a remarkable settlement of Welsh people whose ancestors left Wales in 1865 after being persecuted for wanting independence for Wales.

"They still speak Welsh and fruit farming is their chief occupation."

"Then I intend to ride into Patagonia, where there still remain a few of the original Patagonian Indians.

This journey, as the crow flies, is about 2,000 miles, and if I have time I shall return in the same way."

R.Q.M.S. COURT- MARTIALLED

Said To Have Drawn Double Pay

It was alleged at a Woolwich court-martial that a warrant officer drew pay from the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich without disclosing that he was also receiving pay from his battery.

The accused, Regtl. Quartermaster-Sergt. Rayner, Royal Artillery, pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Major W. R. F. Osmond, prosecuting, said that Rayner took over the duties of R.Q.M.S. at the Academy on Oct. 1. He arrived there on attachment on Sept. 14 from the 29th Field Battery at Bordon, where he was battery sergeant-major.

Before he left the battery it was arranged that pay should be sent on to him at the rate of £2 10s a week. It was alleged that Rayner had received these weekly sums while receiving pay at the Academy.

Major J. R. Phillips, of the 29th Field Battery, said that when Rayner left to take over the appointment at the Academy he owed the battery fund about £10, which had been lent to him.

He told Rayner that while he was at the Academy he would be paid £2 10s a week after stoppages had been made from his pay.

Rayner, who had 18 years' service, said in a statement that he did not expect any pay from the battery for October. Payments continued during that month notwith-

Guns, 'planes To Guard Royal Palaces In Air Raids

Royal palaces in London will be adequately protected in the event of air raids. Sand-bags will be erected at the most vulnerable points at Buckingham Palace and St. James's Palace, as in the Great War.

Powerful anti-aircraft guns will be mounted near.

Sir P. Sassoon, First Commissioner of Works, said in the House of Commons there would be refuge accommodation and first-aid posts and the storage of a reserve of sandbags for additional protective work.

Fire-fighting arrangements were being overhauled and strengthened and squads were being raised for

rescue and clearance and decontamination work. The raising of first-aid parties was also under consideration.

PROBLEM OF WINDSOR

The Houses of Parliament would be protected by anti-aircraft batteries from points across the river and in St. James's Park.

Windsor Castle, however, presents a problem. It stands prominently on the bend of the Thames. Valuable works of art will be removed to the cellars.

There will be anti-aircraft batteries near.

The R.A.F. will operate against hostile aircraft from several aerodromes near Windsor.

All officials of the royal palaces have been trained in the use of gas masks, and know how to take aircraft raid precautions.

FLYING POLICE WILL WAGE WAR ON AIR SMUGGLERS

Ace pilots of Britain's police are to be organised into a Flying Police Force to wage war in fast R.A.F.-type 'planes on the ever-growing legion of criminals engaged in smuggling by air.

Operating from a base twenty-five miles from the coastline, the Flying Police will swoop on smuggler 'planes over the Channel and force them to land or trail them to their aerodromes.

The coastguard service, at present unable to cope with the great number of men driven by modern police efficiency to abandon ordinary crime for aerial smuggling, is to be supplemented.

They will be in constant telephone communication with the Flying Police and will warn them of the approach of suspected smugglers.

Thousands of pounds' worth of contraband, dope, jewels and tobacco are landed yearly by marshlands of Kent, a high official of the night on the south coast—chiefly on the lonely Kent County Police said.

Courage Is Needed

It is expected that the Flying Police Force will make smuggling by air too hazardous to be profitable, he said, and the Customs will be profitable, he said, and the Customs will be saved more than the upkeep cost of the force—in addition to stopping the drug traffic.

Already police officers specially recommended for their courage and resource are receiving flying instruction at various clubs.

A new County Police Headquarters is now being built on high ground just to the south of Maidstone. It will have its own landing ground and aerodrome.

From a height of less than 1,000ft. from over the aerodrome, which will be on high ground, a stretch of coastline fifty miles long will be visible.

The methods of the aerial smugglers are well known to the authorities, but the marshland roads are so difficult that it has so far been almost impossible to catch them red-handed.

standing that he wrote to the battery pay clerk asking that they should be stopped.

He drew pay at the Academy, not expecting any more money from the battery.

The court's decision will be made known.

War Post Travels 1,000 Miles

Letters from one part of Spain to another have to make a journey of over 1,000 miles—to Switzerland and back—before they reach their destination.

A year ago the International Red Cross, at its headquarters in Geneva, established a special service for handling the correspondence sent from Spaniards in territory seized by Franco to their relatives in Government Spain, and vice versa.

Roughly, half a million of these letters have been collected, sorted and distributed by the Red Cross.

Specially printed letter forms are provided for the senders of the letters by the authorities on both sides.

The International Red Cross itself censors the letters, and senders are warned what they must not say.

Instructions on the form, for instance, tell them that they must not say such things as:—"Everybody at home is well except Uncle Jose, assassinated by the enemy horde" or "died gloriously for the Fatherland."

'WHITE GOD' OF NEW JUNGLE KINGDOM

Lost Airman As Mystery Ruler?

The secret of the mysterious legend of a "white god" ruling over a jungle kingdom in the unexplored Brazilian jungle is now believed to be known.

Investigators are convinced that the "white god" is Paul Redfern, the famous U.S. airman who vanished ten years ago while flying from the United States to Brazil.

It is believed that Redfern, crashing in the jungle, was found and tended by Indians.

Three men and a woman, under the leadership of Mr. Thomas J. Waldeck, have set out into the interior to investigate.

Miracle Man 'From The Sky' Strange rumours have recently filtered into villages on the Venezuelan border, telling a wonderful new kingdom created under the inspiration of a "miracle-worker who appeared out of the sky."

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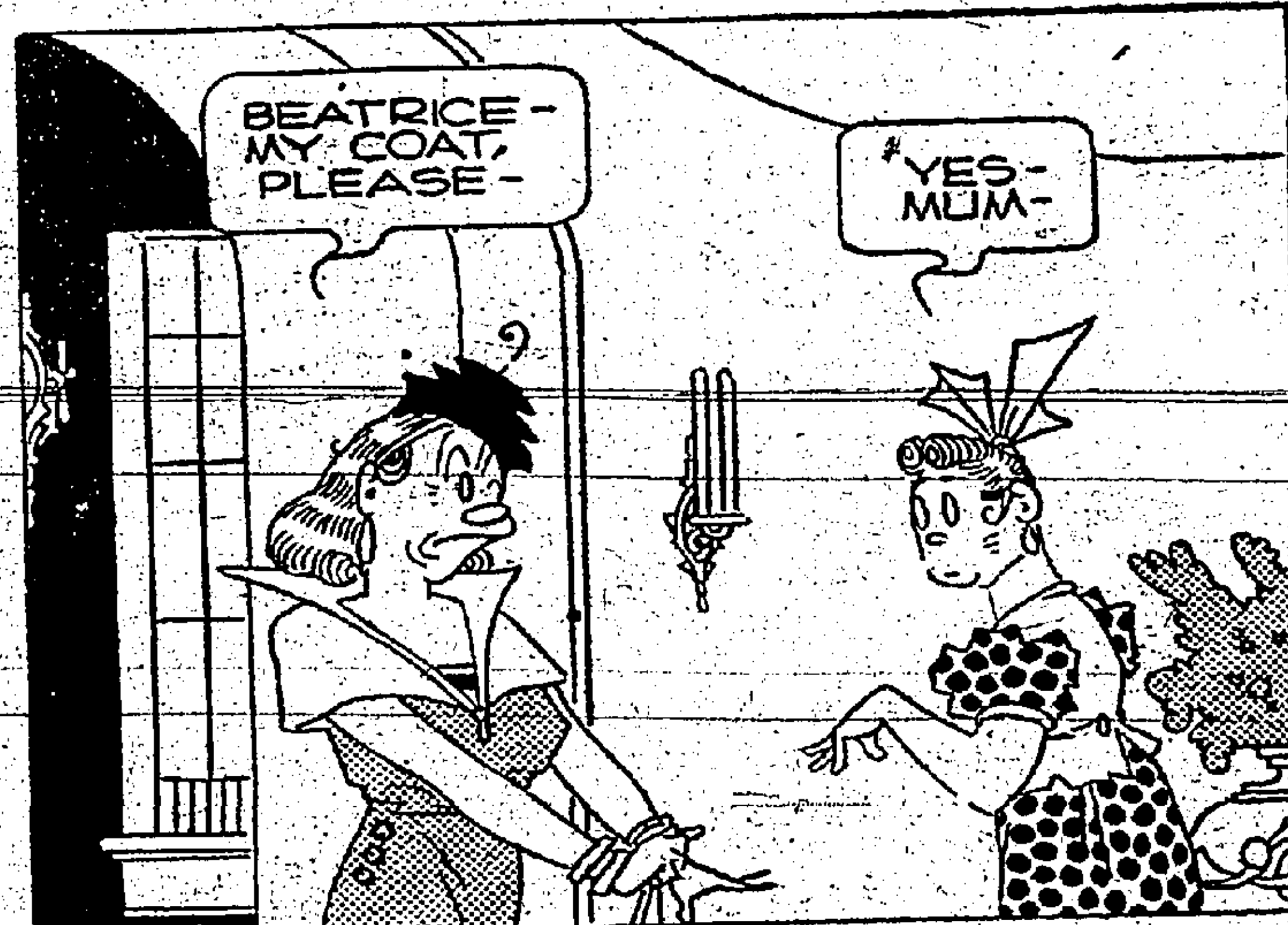
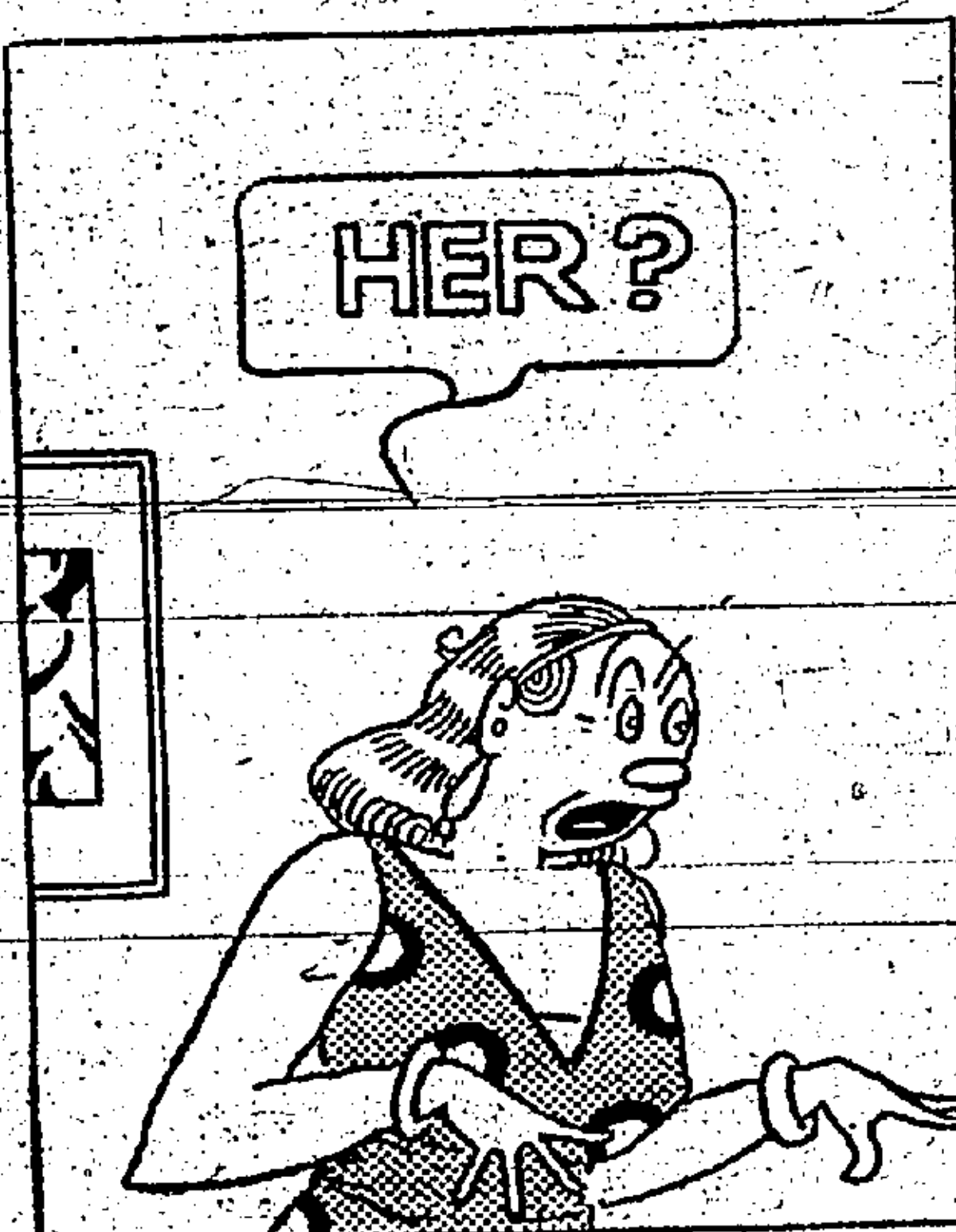
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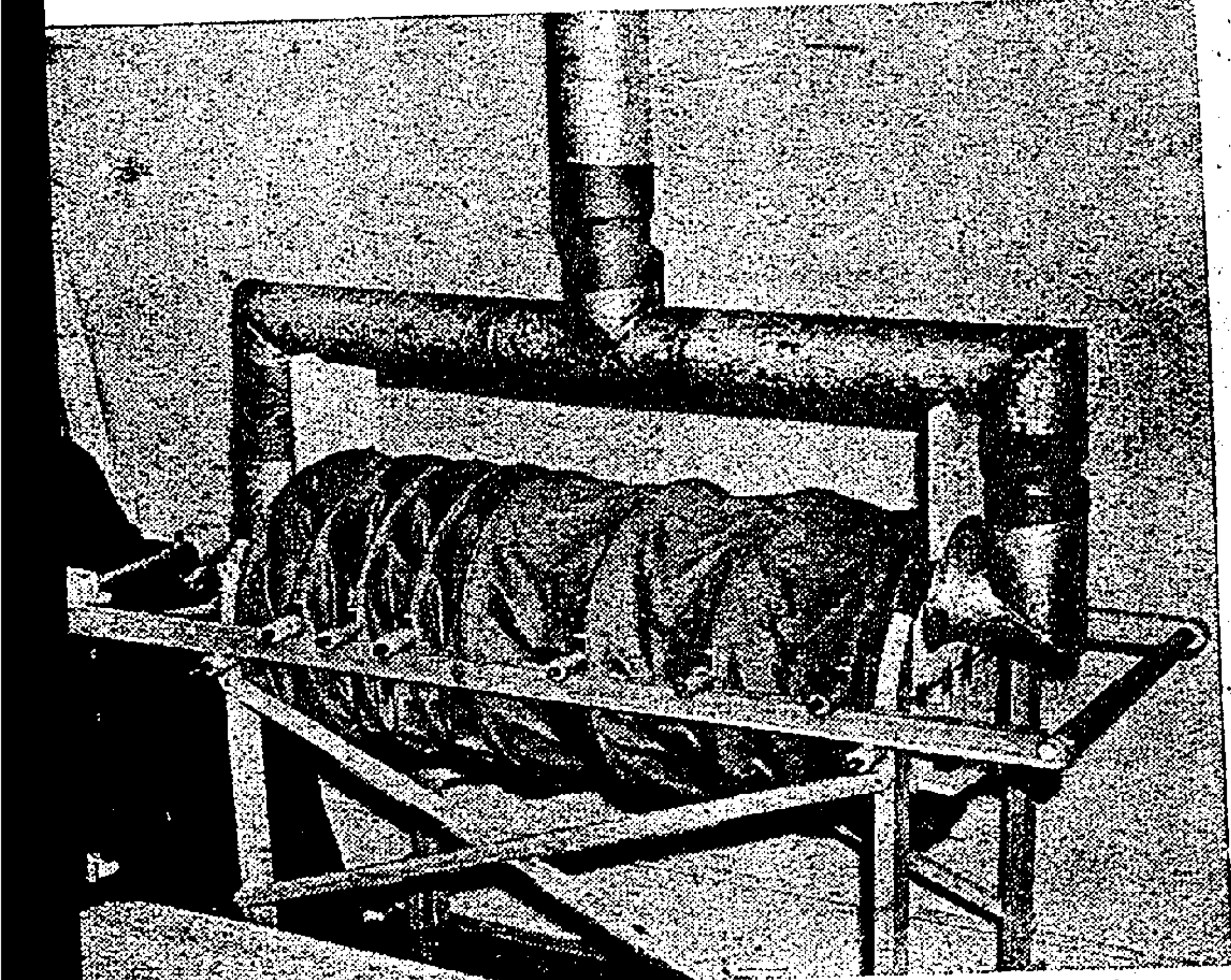
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IL, JANUARY 15, 1938.



(Above)—The children attending St. Joseph's (Mixed) School, Heywood, Lancashire, are very interested in geography, and are painting maps of the world on the walls round the playground, in bright colours. The maps are proving of great assistance to their work. (Fox Copyright).



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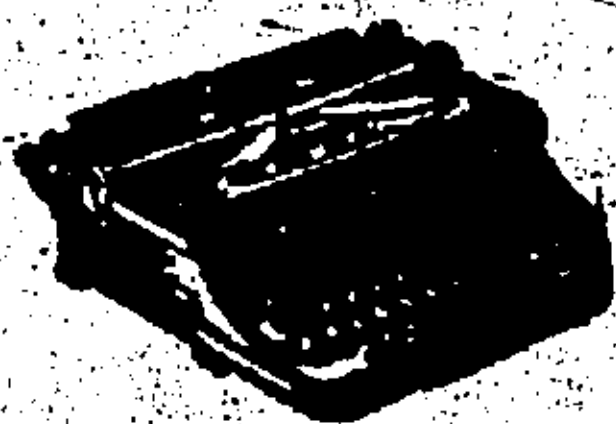


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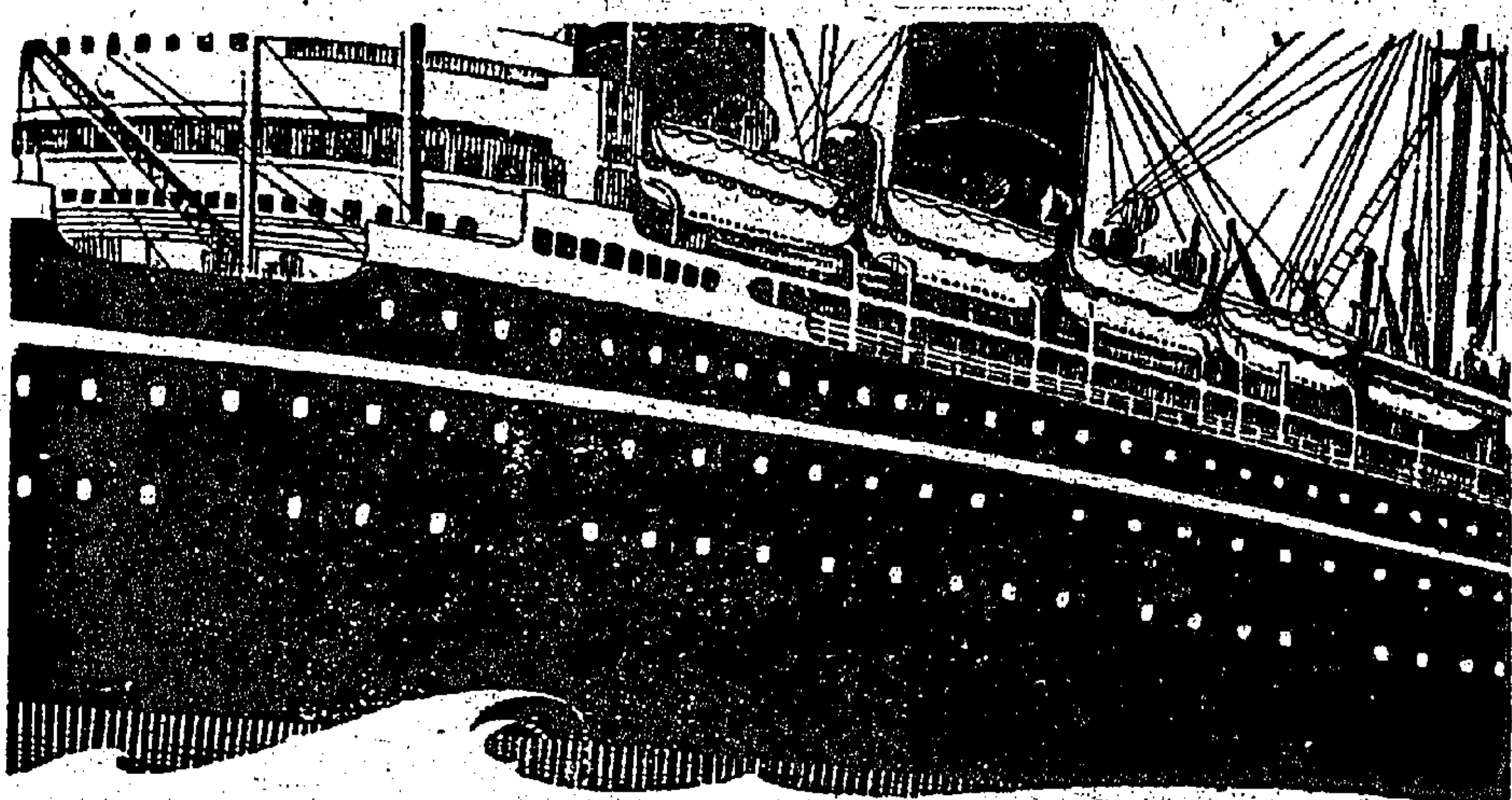
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*ALIPORE	5,000	30th Jan.	Straits and Bombay.
CHITRAL	15,000	5th Feb.	Marseilles and London.
CARTHAGE	14,500	19th Feb.	Marseilles and London.
*SOMALI	7,000	26th Feb.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp and Hull.
COMORIN	15,000	5th Mar.	Marseilles and London.
KAISAR-I-HIND	11,000	19th Mar.	Marseilles and London.
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Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers) London date, 16th December, 1937.	Hakozaki Maru	January 15.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways direct Service"—San Francisco date, 5th January.	Pan-American Airways Plane	Jan. 15.
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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 8th January.	Imperial Airways Plane	January 17.
Manila	Rhexenor	January 17.
Straits	Anshun	January 17.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kingyuan	January 18.
Calcutta and Straits	Tilawa	January 18.
Haiphong	Canton	January 18.
Straits, Manila & London Parcels—London date, 9th December 1937.	Ajax	January 18.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	January 19.
Straits	Teucer	January 19.
Shanghai	Glenbeg	January 19.
Australia and Manila	Kamo Maru	January 20.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 23rd December and London Parcels—London date, 16th December, 1937.	Carthage	January 20.
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Air Mail for Sian, Lanchow and Chengtu, etc. (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).	Fook On	Jan. 15, 9 a.m.
Japan and "Europe via Siberia"	Eurasia Plane	Sat., Jan. 15,
Amoy	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service" (Due San Francisco, 23rd January, 1938).	Reg.,	Jan. 15, 9 a.m.
	Ord.,	Jan. 15, 9.30 a.m.
	Hakozaki Maru	Jan. 15, 11.30 a.m.
	Van Heutsz	Sat., Jan. 15, 5 p.m.
	Pan-American Airways	
	Plane Sat., Jan. 15.	
	Kowloon P.O.	
	Reg.,	Jan. 15, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	Jan. 15, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Jan. 15, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	Jan. 16, 6 a.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service" (Due London, 24th January).	Imperial Airways Plane Sat. Jan. 15.	
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Jan. 15, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	Jan. 16, 9 a.m.
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	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Jan. 15, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	Jan. 16, 9 a.m.
	Sunday	
Saigon	Helikon	Jan. 16, 9 a.m.
Shanghai	Nanning	Jan. 16, 9 a.m.
Hoihow	Muinam	Jan. 16, 8.30 a.m.
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†ATAGO MARU	Tuesday,	15th Feb.
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†NAGATO MARU	Friday,	4th Feb.

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Celebes Maru	Wed.,	2nd Feb.
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Manila Maru	Thurs.,	20th Jan.
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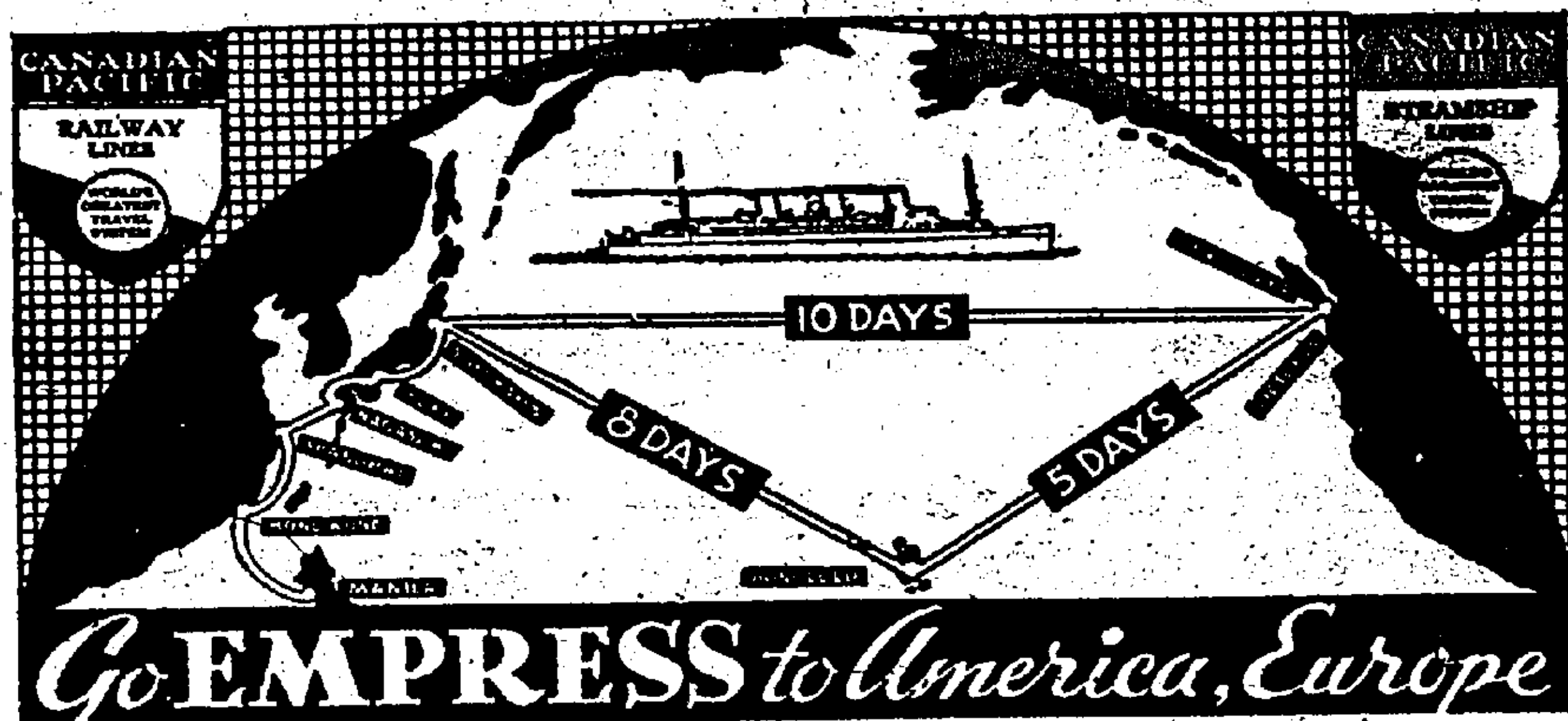
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RESUMPTION OF CALL AT SHANGHAI

Commencing with the Empress of Russia from Hong Kong January 26, 1938, Canadian Pacific "EMPRESSES" will call at Shanghai on the eastbound voyage.

The Empress of Asia from Vancouver will call at Shanghai on January 24th, en route to Hong Kong.

SAILING TO MANILA

Empress of Canada on February 11th.

Canadian Pacific

THIS WEEK ON THE LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Messrs. G. A. Harriman and Co.'s weekly share report and market review issued on Friday night states:—

A slightly better tone prevailed during the week under review, but the volume of business transacted was not on a large scale. Manila also shared a stronger market with sales generally recorded at higher levels due to better political news in the Philippine Islands.

There was a good demand for utility shares. Hong Kong Trams were done up to \$13.90, closing a shade easier with business put through at \$13.75. Star Ferries are \$80, buyers and Yaumatis \$23¼. H.K. Electrics had sales at \$52¼/¾, at the latter rate shares were available at the close. China Lights (old) showed great activity, having been traded in at \$10.20/10.40. Telephones (new) could be placed at \$8.35. Docks had buyers \$27¾. Lands were dealt in @ \$31½.

In the industrial descriptions, Hotels were wanted @ \$5.20 with sellers asking \$5.30. Providents (old) remained steady @ \$2.05. Cements were transacted @ \$12.70. Ropes had enquiries @ \$3¾.

Upon the announcement of the Final dividend of £3, Banks were suddenly marked up with sales reported as high as \$1485 but subsequently eased off a bit owing to unsettled conditions generally. Unions were neglected at \$510 nominal.

RECREIO "A" MIXED DOUBLES BADMINTON WIN

In the Mixed Doubles Badminton League last night, Recreio "A" beat Recreio "B" by 8 sets to 1 at King's Park, and the University beat Taikoo Recreation Club by 6 sets to 3, at the Eu Tong Sen Gymnasium.

The following were the results:
M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva (Recreio "A")
beat A. M. Rodrigues and Miss H. Remedios 21—12
beat A. E. Xavier and Miss C. Botelho 21—14

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LESSON-SERMON

Subject:—"Life"

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, tomorrow Jan. 16th. will be: "Life".

The Golden Text will be "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. In him was life; and the life was the light of men." (John. I.).

Amongst others the following citations will be read from the Bible, "Hear, O My Son and Receive My Sayings; and the years of the life shall be many. When thou goest thy steps shall not be straightened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble. Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: Keep her; for she is thy life. Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it and pass away. But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. (Prov. 4: 11 Peter 3: 1).

The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science Textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, "Truth, Life and Love are the only legitimate and eternal demands on man, and they are spiritual law givers, enforcing obedience through divine statutes. Controlled by divine intelligence, man is harmonious and eternal. Whatever is governed by a false belief is discordant and mortal. The measurement of life by solar years robs youth and gives ugliness to age. The radiant sun of virtue and truth coexists with being. Manhood is its eternal noon, undimmed by a declining sun. Except for the error of limiting all that is good and beautiful, man would enjoy more than three score years and ten and still maintain his vigor freshness and promise. Man governed by immortal Mind is always beautiful and grand. Each succeeding year unfolds wisdom, beauty and holiness. Let us feel the divine energy of Spirit, bringing us into newness of life and recognising no mortal nor material however as able to destroy. Let us rejoice that we are subject to the divine powers that be." Such is the true Science of being" (Pages 184, 246, 249).

beat E. A. R. Alves and Miss A. Remedios 21—9
J. J. Remedios and Miss O. Ribeiro (Recreio "A")
lost to Rodrigues and Miss Remedios 21—13
beat Alves and Miss Remedios 21—7
L. A. Carvalho and Miss M. Ribeiro (Recreio "A")
beat Xavier and Miss Botelho 21—24
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Hong Kong.
Friday, 14th January, 1938.

PARADES
1st Battery
Signal Section
Tuesday 18th January. 5.30 p.m. at H. Q.

Friday 21st January. 5.45 p.m. at Belchers.

A Section
Thursday 20th January. 6 p.m. at Belchers.

L Section
Friday 21st January. 5.45 at Belchers.

2nd Battery
Wednesday 19th January. 5.30 p.m. Parade in H.M.S. Tamar. Dress—Overalls and S. D. Cap.

Engineer Company
Monday 17th January. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. for L. G. instruction. Course 1. Lesson 4.

Corps Signals
Tuesday 18th January. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m.

Machine Gun Troop
Tuesday 18th January. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. M. G. instruction.

Armoured Car Section
Tuesday 18th January. A and B Classes—I. A. and Stoppages. C Class—Mechanism.

Friday 21st January. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. for Anti-gas instruction (passing through gas-chamber) and M. G. Stoppages.

Motor Machine Gun Platoon
Friday 21st January. Same as for A. C. Section above.

No. 1 (M.G.) Company
Friday 21st January. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m.

No. 2 (M.G.) Company (Scottish)
Thursday 20th January. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. for M. G. instruction.

No. 3 (M.G.) Company
Sunday 16th January

Musketry practice at Stonecutters as detailed in Company Circular 6/1/38. Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 8.20 a.m. and Police Pier at 8.30 a.m.

Monday 17th January
Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. for M. G. instruction—"Handling".

The following will fire Rifle Table "A" at Kennedy Road; Lorry will leave at 5.20 p.m.

A. Hung, D. Hung, A. Lau, Long, Stanley Lee, V. Shaw, Spencer, Sprinkle, To, Tso, G. Waller, F. Zimmern.

Thursday 20th January
Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. for M. G. instruction.

Class "A"—Night firing. Class "B"—Mechanism.

The following will fire Rifle Table "A" at Kennedy Road; Lorry will leave at 5.20 p.m.

Boyd, R. Broadbridge, W. I. Choi, Edwards, Cutteridge, N. Lee, Pretterjohn, Shea, Whittick, G. Willis, Harvey Wong, S. L. Wong.

The following will fire in the Miniature Range:

Chan, A. S. Hoe, Hunt, Khaw, Kotwall, Stephen Lee, Henry Wong, Y. P. Lee, Ma, Neubronner, Ng, J. Shaw.

No. 4 (M.G.) Company
Wednesday 19th January. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. Drill.

Friday 21st January. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. M. G. instruction.

Portuguese Companies
Sunday 16th January

Recruits only fire musketry course at Stonecutters. Range Officer—Lt. Ribeiro. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 8.20 a.m. and Kowloon at 8.30 a.m.

Tuesday 18th January
No. 5 (M.G.) Company. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m.

Classes 1, 2 and 3—Mechanism. Recruits etc.—I. A.

A.A. Company Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. for L.G. training. All categories—Mechanism and backward and forward action.

Sunday, 23rd January
Fire Table B (musketry) on Kowloon City Range "B". Range Officer—Lt. Lawrence.

Machine Gun Signals
Monday, 17th January. Subsection "D" parade at 5.15 p.m. for arms drill. Recruits will be measured for uniform.

Wednesday, 19th January. Voluntary parade for D/Rs. Instruction in D/R routines.

Friday, 21st January. Subsections A & B parade for instruction as laid down in syllabus.

Gas Officer will inspect box respirators.

Army Service Corps Company
Thursday, 20th January. L. G. instruction at R.A.S.C. Camber at 5.30 p.m.

Pay Section.
Friday, 21st January. Parade at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m.

APPOINTMENT
No. 2591 D/R H. K. Chan, M.G.

Signals, to be L/Corpl. 14.1.38.

TRANSFER
No. 2003 Pte. H. J. Woolly from A.C. Section to Unit Reserve 14.1.38.

LEAVE
Lieut. C. Blaker, M.C., Reserve of Officer, is granted leave from 29.1.38 to 1.11.38.

No. 1595 Sgt. V. M. Nunes, No. 5 (M.G.) Company, is granted leave from 5.1.38 to 4.5.38.

No. 2693 Pte. A. Wilson, No. 2 (M.G.) Company, is granted leave from 11.1.38 to 10.1.39.

No. 2756 Pte. W. R. McCracken, No. 2 (M.G.) Company, is granted leave from 22.1.38 to 21.1.40.

No. 2683 Gnr. C. E. Stone, 2nd Battery, is granted leave until 31.3.39.

No. 2116 Cpl. W. K. Robinson, No. 2 (M.G.) Company, is granted leave from 22.1.38 to 21.1.39.

STRENGTH—DECREASE

No. 2254 C.S.M. D. C. Cathie, R.O.D.C.—25.12.37.

No. 2305 Gnr. A. L. Wood, 1st Battery, A Section—14.1.38.

No. 2434 Pte. F. E. Silva, Portuguese Companies—14.1.38.

No. 2441 Pte. E. A. Noronha, Portuguese Companies—14.1.38.

No. 2464 Pte. V. A. Costa, Portuguese Companies—14.1.38.

No. 2163 Pte. D. J. Noronha, Portuguese Companies—14.1.38.

No. 2243 Pte. M. A. Gaan, Portuguese Companies—14.1.38.

STRENGTH—INCREASE

No. 2980 Gunner A. I. Burnie, 1st Battery, A Section, joined 10.1.38.

No. 2981 Private J. R. Kelly, No. 5 (M.G.) Coy., No. 11 Pl., joined 11.1.38.

No. 2982 Private F. J. Santos, No. 5 (M.G.) Coy., No. 12 Pl., joined 11.1.38.

S. F. HEDGECOE, Captain.

Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

NOTICE

Sergeants' Mess Annual Dinner

The Sergeants' Mess Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 12th. All members are requested to keep this date free. Details will be circulated as soon as possible. Members who intend to be present should forward their names and the names of their guests to C.Q.M.S. Edwards at Headquarters.

AFFILIATED UNIT, NURSING DETACHMENT, H.K.V.D. CORPS

Lecture

The next lecture will be held on Monday, 17th January at the P.W.D. Offices at 5.30 p.m.

Appointment

Miss S. M. Baskett is appointed Quartermaster—14.1.38.

Resignation—14.1.38—Mrs. J. P. Whitham, Miss M. Whitham, Miss E. Hopkins, Mrs. G. E. Barker.

The following members are struck off the strength having left the Colony.

Mrs. T. R. Chassels, Mrs. M. Good, Mrs. F. M. Rimmer.

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Mrs. Alice Marie Smirke, wife of Charles James William Smirke, the jockey, was granted a decree nisi, with costs, by Mr. Justice Bucknill, in the Divorce Court because of the adultery of her husband.

The suit was undefended.

Mr. and Mrs. Smirke were married in March, 1928, at Epsom register office. They lived together in Epsom, and at Upper George-street, London.

Mrs. Smirke's case was that, although they were happy until 1935, her husband then admitted that he was in love with a Mrs. Barker.

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1ST DIVISION SOCCER PROGRAMME



FOOTBALL FORECAST FOR TO-DAY

The following is the football programme for the week-end:—

TO-DAY

First Division
 South China "B" v Club
 (Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)
 Referee:—Martin.
 Linesmen:—Johns and Edwards.
 Kowloon v Kowloon Chinese
 (Kowloon, 4 p.m.)
 Referee:—Barton.
 Linesmen:—Demmee and F. Silva.
 Middlesex v South China "A"
 (Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.)
 Referee:—Ottoway.
 Linesmen:—Brothwell and Godfrey.
 Police v Seaforths
 (Club, 4 p.m.)
 Referee:—Finch.
 Linesmen:—Sutterley and Purnell.
Second Division
 Kowloon v Club
 (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
 Referee:—Clarke.
 Kwong Wah v Engineers
 (Prince Edward Road, 4 p.m.)
 Referee:—Searle.
 Eastern v Seaforths
 (Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.)
 Referee:—French.
 Middlesex v South China
 (Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)
 Referee:—Youngs.
 5th Bde. A.A.R.A. v Police
 (St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)
 Referee:—J. Silva.
Third Division (Hong Kong)
 5th Bde. R.A. v Engineers
 (St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)
 Referee:—Savage.
 Medicals v Police
 (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
 Referee:—Barretto.
 Service Corps v Ordnance
 (Military, 2.30 p.m.)
 Referee:—Whittle.
 Stanley v Powhatten
 (Military, 4 p.m.)
 Referee:—F. Smith.
Third Division (Kowloon)
 24th R.A. v 20th R.A.
 (Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)
 Referee:—Sharpe.
 Air Force v University
 (Chatham Road, 4 p.m.)
 Referee:—Morecroft.
 Portuguese S.A. v Kumaon
 (King's Park, 4 p.m.)
 Referee:—Stone.
 Signals v Seaforths
 (Prince Edward Road, 2.30 p.m.)
 Referee:—Phillips.
TO-MORROW
Junior Shield
 Portuguese S.A. v Air Force
 (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
 Referee:—Havelaar.
 University v Police
 (Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.)
 Referee:—Baker.
First Division
 St. Joseph's v Eastern
 (Causeway Bay, 4 p.m.)
 Referee:—Smyth.
 Linesmen:—Hartley and Wyper.

COUNTRY CLUB GOLF

Starting Times For Championship Qualifying Round

The following are the golf starting times for the Qualifying Round of the Country Club Championship, to be held next Sunday:—

H. K. Lee and B. Alves—11.00 a.m.
 C. H. Suen and E. D. da Roza—11.04 a.m.
 H. G. Leong and A. E. H. Castro—11.08 a.m.
 J. Litton and A. W. da Roza—11.12 a.m.
 J. J. Basto and A. A. Lopes—11.16 a.m.
 M. A. Simoes and C. R. Anderson—11.20 a.m.
 C. Kew and F. X. M. da Silva—11.24 a.m.
 E. Sadick and A. W. Ramsey—11.28 a.m.
 F. E. A. Remedios and B. Basto—11.32 a.m.

MIDDLESEX'S TASK TO-DAY AGAINST SOUTH CHINA "A" KOWLOON CHINESE MUCH STRONGER FOR CLASH AGAINST KOWLOON

(By "OUTSIDE-LEFT")

SOME very good football should be witnessed in the First Division of the League this afternoon, when the Middlesex Regiment entertain South China "A" at Sookunpoo, and the Police clash with the Seaforths on the Navy ground. Kowloon Chinese have been strengthened for their match against Kowloon, while South China "B" should easily account for the Club.

The Middlesex are at last at full-strength and to-day's game with South China "A" should provide them with their biggest test to date, for the latter are all out to establish a sound reputation before the arrival of the Islington Corinthians, and hitherto, have not done anything of note.

The Chinese will be at full-strength, and Bright and his flanking halves will have more than a handful in Fung King-cheong and his clever inside-forwards.

Kowloon Chinese, probably one of the weakest teams seen in the First Division for several seasons, will make a grand bid to-day to re-establish themselves in the eyes of their critics, and have several newcomers of note in their line-up.

NEW COMERS

Wong Wing-hon, former Athletic centre-forward, Lai Kwok-chui, former Athletic pivot and Ho Chor-yin who played as a half-back or forward, have consented to turn out and should give the Kowloon Civilians a gruelling time.

In addition, Wong Shiu-wah, who will be best recalled in the days of the Athletic's triumphs and who was reckoned as one of the best pivots then will also be seen.

An injury to Rowlands, the Kowloon custodian, has weakened

NEXT WEDNESDAY'S PROGRAMME

The following is a list of postponed fixtures in the First, Second and Third Division of the Hong Kong Football League:—

Second Division
 5th A.A. Bde. R.A. v Middlesex
 (Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.)
 Referee:—L. A. French.
Third Division (Hong Kong)
 Engineers v Ordnance
 (Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)
 Referee:—Johns.
 Service Corps v Stanley
 (Military, 2.30 p.m.)
 Referee:—Morecroft.
 5th A.A. Bde. R.A. v Police
 (Military, 4 p.m.)
 Referee:—Barretto.
Third Division (Kowloon)
 Signals v University
 (Kowloon, 4 p.m.)
 Referee:—Phillips.

their defence and Jeffries, from the juniors, will probably fill the position between the sticks.



JUNIOR FOOTBALL NEARING THE END

TWO GOOD GAMES FOR TO-DAY

THIRD DIVISION CLASHES

(By "UBIQUE")

Two very interesting games should be witnessed in the Second Division of the Hong Kong Football League to-day, when the Middlesex, the present leaders, meet South China, and the Engineers, who are now second, encounter the much improved Kwong Wah team. The results of both these games will have an important bearing on the championship.

I am afraid that after their poor showing against the Club last week, in spite of the fact that they won, Kwong Wah are in for a trying time at the hands of the Engineers. The latter are making a bid to win both the Second Division championship and the Junior Shield!

Kwong Wah have not met with any opposition for some time as most of their opponents were at the bottom of the League, while the Engineers have been strengthened by several newcomers by the last troopship.

MARKSMEN SLOW

Tudor, at centre half, should do well against the fast Kwong Wah forwards, who are now prone to take their time in front of goal.

South China, who are still in the running for the Championship, are fielding a strong team against the Middlesex, but will be without the services of Choo Siew-ling, who has been promoted goalkeeper to the "A" team.

The game between the Club and Kowloon should also be interesting. The latter will probably be without Jeffries, who is needed for Rowlands' place in goal, in the first team, as the latter is still suffering from an injured ankle sustained last week.

Milne, will be seen at inside right for the Club with G. Duncan on the right wing. Millington will be at centre-half, but he would do much better if he swung the ball to both his wingers instead of concentrating on the left. In the last game Duncan was starved for the whole of the second-half!

CONCLUDING STAGES

The Third division has now reached the concluding stages and after to-day's games, there remain but a few postponed matches to be played off and these have already been re-arranged so that the League should be completed by the end of the month.

In the Kowloon Section, the Portuguese Sporting Association have already won the section title, and the result of their game against the Kumaons will, therefore, have no effect on the League table as far as they are concerned.

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TRIANGULAR RUGBY TOURNEY ENDS TO-DAY

CLUB ENTERTAIN ARMY AT VALLEY

GOVERNOR TO ATTEND

The Triangular Rugby Tournament will come to a conclusion this afternoon, on the Club ground, when the Club entertain the Army to determine the "wooden spoonists." The Club should win quite comfortably as the Army will be fielding several newcomers.

The Royal Navy, it will be recalled, have already won the Triangular Tournament Trophy. His Excellency the Governor has intimated that he will be present at the game.

Preceding this the Club "A" fifteen will meet H.H.S. Cumberland at 2.45 p.m.

The following are the teams:—

Army:—Fus. Perritt (Fusiliers); L/Cpl. Ayrton (R.A.S.C.); Lt. R. D. MacLagan (Seaforths); 2/Lt. Gudgeon (Middlesex); 2/Lt. Chiverall (Middlesex); Pte. Rainey (Seaforths) and Sergt. Bailey (R.A.M.C.); Sergt. Moore (Middlesex); Pte. Knowles (Seaforths); Spr. Rumball (R.E.); 2/Lt. I. A. MacLagan (Seaforths); Cpl. Wainscote (R. C. of Signals); Spr. Hall (R.E.); Capt. Gillespie (R.E.) and Lt. Crawford (R. C. of Signals).

Club 1st XV:—M. W. MacGrath; D. H. Stewart; H. D. Bidwell; W. E. Grieve; M. G. Carruthers; A. H. R. Butcher; J. L. Bonnar; K. A. Watson; K. W. Salter; E. N. Stout; A. F. Holden; W. E. Peers; J. C. Miller (Captain); A. J. G. Taylor and J. Redman.

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1914	Club
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1922	Royal Navy
1923	Royal Navy
1924	Royal Navy
1925	Royal Navy
1926	Club
1927	Royal Navy
1928	Royal Navy
1929	Royal Navy
1930	Club
1931	Triple tie
1932	Royal Navy
1933	Club
1934	Royal Navy
1935	Army
1936	Club
1937	Royal Navy

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY CLASH TO-DAY

ENGLAND TO MEET WALES AT CARDIFF

The fiftieth International Rugby encounter between England and Wales will take place at Cardiff to-day, and great interest is being taken in the match in view of the many changes in both teams.

The dropping of H. Owen-Smith and Ronnie Gerrard, both former Internationals, from the England full-back position in favour of Freakes, the Oxford skipper and right-wing threequarter, and of Prince Obelensky for Lt. Unwin, of the Army, are the most notable features of the England team.

Wales have suffered a rude disappointment in the recent injury caused to Wooller, one of their greatest attacking centre-threequarters, whose vacancy will be filled by Claude Davey, who played against England and Ireland last season.

England are the present holders of the trophy, having won all three games last season, while Ireland were runners-up, Scotland being third, and Wales the "wooden-spoonists."

P. L. CANDLER PLAYING FOR ENGLAND TO-DAY

London; To-day.—P. L. Candler, of St. Bart's Hospital, who has played for England for the past three seasons, has been brought into the International side to meet Wales to-day at Cardiff, as E. J. Reynolds, of Old Cranleighans, who was previously selected as the England stand-off-half, has been admitted to hospital for tonsillitis.—Reuter.

Of the total number of games played to date, England have won 25, Wales 18 while six encounters have been drawn.

The following are to-day's teams:

England:—H. D. Freakes (Oxford University); E. J. Unwin (The Army); P. Cranmer (Richmond); A. E. Nicholson (Richmond); H. S. Sever (Sale); P. L. Candler (St. Bart's Hospital); and B. C. Gadney (Leicester); R. J. Longland (Northampton); H. B. Toft (Waterloo); H. F. Wheatley (Coventry); A. Wheatley (Coventry); T. F. Huskisson (Old Merchant Taylors); W. H. Weston (Northampton); D. L. K. Millman (Bedford) and R. Bolton (Harlequins).

Wales:—V. G. J. Jenkins (London Welsh); W. H. Clement (Llanelli); J. Idwal Rees (Swansea); Claude Davey (L. Welsh); A. Bassett (Aberavon) and H. Tanner (Swansea); Cliff Jones (Captain); W. J. Travers (Newport); E. Morgan (Swansea); H. Rees (Cardiff); E. Watkins (Cardiff); H. McCarley (Newport); A. M. Rees (London Welsh); H. Vickery (London Welsh) and F. L. Morgan (Swansea).



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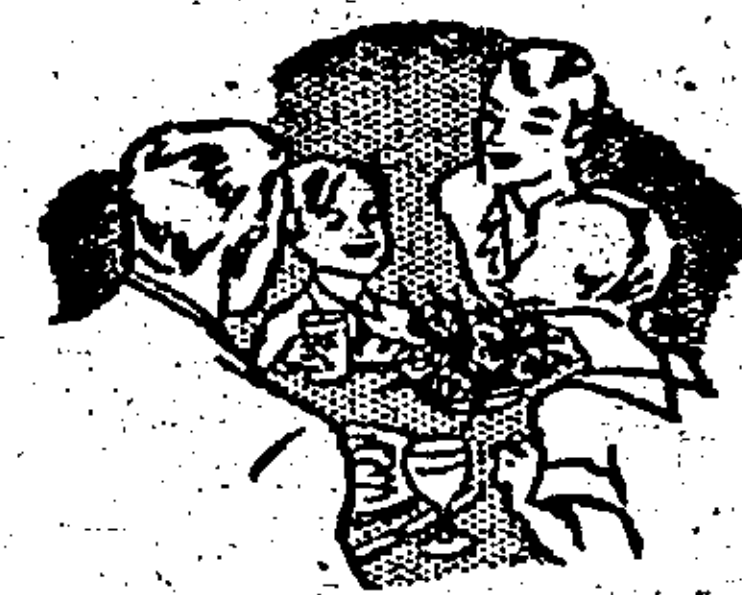
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BIG CAER CLARK GAME TO-DAY

ALTHOUGH the Hong Kong Ladies are at present leading in the Caer Clark Cup series, their opponents, the "Y" Ladies, are the only team to maintain their unbeaten record and this afternoon's encounter on the "Y" ground should determine the ultimate winners of the competition, as both these teams are much stronger than either the C.B.A. Ladies or the St. Andrew's Ladies.

The "Y" Ladies, contrary to expectations, will be fielding their full-side and should win in view of their previous splendid record and also because their visitors are not very strong in attack. In another Caer Clark Cup encounter the St. Andrew's Ladies should beat the Central British Association Ladies.

"Y" Ladies:—Miss J. Lakeman; Mrs. Burke and Miss A. Fowler (Captain); Miss K. Tonge; Miss M. McCaw and Mrs. A. B. Henry; Mrs. G. C. Burnett; Mrs. J. Gardner; Mrs. Read; Miss M. Smith and Miss M. Westcott.

H.K. Ladies:—Mrs. J. Lunson; Miss E. M. Gray and Miss B. Hebling; Miss J. Dalziel; Miss B. Pope and Miss V. Gordon-Smith; Miss M. Smalley; Miss F. Marsh; Mrs. Scrimgeour; Mrs. Wadell and Miss Purves.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following is to-day's programme:
Caer Clark Cup
"Y" Ladies v. H.K. Ladies
("Y" ground, 5 p.m.).
C.B.A. Ladies v. St. Andrew's
(C.B.A. ground, 8 p.m.).
Braun Cup
C.B.S. "A" v. Recreio
(C.B.S. ground, 2.45 p.m.).
C.B.A. Ladies v. "Y" Ladies
(C.B.A. ground, 4.15 p.m.).
Seaforth Ladies v. C.B.S. "B"
(Murray Pde. grd., 8.15 p.m.).

C.B.A. Ladies:—Miss D. Moss; Miss B. Parsons and Miss P. Whitley; Miss I. Woolley; Mrs. M. Trail and Miss E. Clewer; Miss S. Best; Mrs. R. Forster; Mrs. W. White; Miss M. Daniels and Miss D. Hunt.

St. Andrew's Ladies:—Mrs. Rose; Miss G. White and Miss L. Cross; Miss M. Lawson; Miss J. Wong and Miss H. Reid; Miss F. Wong; Miss E. Churn; Miss P. Gittins; Miss I. Gittins and Miss E. Banker.

NATIONAL S.C. SEEK WORLD TITLE-HOLDER

Apostoli May Fight
McAvoy In London

London, December 17.

Len Harvey having refused the offer of the National Sporting Club to fight Jock McAvoy for a joint purse of £2,000, an effort is now being made to induce Fred Apostoli, American holder of the world's middleweight championship, to come to London to defend his title again McAvoy at Earl's Court on January 20.

Harvey has been offered a fight with Larry Gains on the same programme, and has refused that, too, on the ground that he has already beaten Gains.

Mr. A. J. Elvin, Wembley managing director, last night discussed with Harvey a possible meeting with McAvoy. It is believed that Wembley are prepared to guarantee McAvoy £1,000 and a percentage of the gate receipts, while Harvey is willing to box solely on a percentage basis.

If Frank Hough beats Heinz Lazek, the Austrian, at Earl's Court next Monday, the N.S.C. will request official sanction for McAvoy-Hough fight for the British light-heavyweight title.

TATE SUFFERS FROM BLOOD POISONING

THROAT TROUBLE

Buenos Aires, December 21.

Maurice Tate, the former England and Sussex county cricketer, who arrived at Buenos Aires last night with Capt. T. E. W. Brinkman's team which is to tour the Argentine, is suffering from blood poisoning caused by an abscess in the throat.

He had the abscess when he left England. The blood poisoning affects his leg and other parts of his body. He is also bronchially septic.

This is the opinion of Dr. Mulcahy, who met Tate at the dock with an ambulance when the liner Arlanza, in which Capt. Brinkman's team travelled, berthed.

It was previously thought that Tate had pneumonia, and it was considered that his prospects of playing during the tour were remote. He is expected, however, to remain in the Argentine with the team.—Reuter.



F.A. AMATEUR XI BEAT NAVY

Weeks And Hutchings
Form Fine Wing

(By NORMAN ACKLAND)

R.N. & R.M. 0 F.A. Amateur XI. 5
London, December 16.

An F.A. eleven, composed mainly of players from Devon, Dorset and Gloucester, put up a convincing display against the Navy at Home Park, Plymouth. Their defence held out against several prolonged Navy raids, and their forwards, especially the left-wing pair, Weeks and Hutchings, played remarkably well together, and were very quick in snapping up their chances.

They were, it is true, flattered by the score. The Navy did quite as much attacking, and it was only excellent goalkeeping by Hill, the amateur international, that prevented them scoring. Hill is a schoolmaster at Weymouth, hence his inclusion in this team.

POOR POSITIONING

The Navy forwards, although they showed plenty of dash, failed to position themselves as well as the F.A. men when in the shooting area. Smith, the regular Navy right-half, is injured, and his absence caused the Navy to make three positional changes, and the remodelled side lacked combination.

The game started in glorious sunshine, but after five minutes rain fell heavily, and it poured for the rest of the match.

Play was fairly even in the first half. The F.A. had a little the better of the play territorially, but the two best shots came from the Navy, Fielding and Goodwin skimming the bar with powerful drives.

WEEKS' FINE GOAL

A few minutes before half-time Weeks put the F.A. ahead. Taking a pass from Hutchings, he swung over to the right, beat two opponents, and shot well out of Renouf's reach.

A minute after the interval G. R. Brown increased the lead with a hard ground shot. For a long time afterwards the Navy pressed hotly, but could not beat Hill.

TWO QUICK GOALS

Midway through the half the F.A. set up a spirited attack, and O. Brown and Hutchings scored in rapid succession. A strong Navy

(Continued in next Column)

WESTCHESTER CUP POLO PREPARATIONS

HURLINGHAM TO BUY 24 BEST PONIES

TRIP TO COST £35,000

(By R. SHEEPHANKS)

A GOOD and early start has been made by Hurlingham in taking in hand arrangements for the Westchester Cup matches which will be played in America in 1939.

IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO ACQUIRE FOR HURLINGHAM THE 24 BEST PONIES AVAILABLE. OF THESE 17 HAVE ALREADY BEEN BOUGHT OR CONTRACTED FOR IN THIS COUNTRY, THE ARGENTINE AND AUSTRALIA.

The remainder will be selected during next year's polo season. A total of 35 to 40 ponies will be required, the balance being made up by ponies lent by private owners.

The cost of the trip is estimated at £35,000. Of this the share of the gate receipts will be in the neighbourhood of £15,000, and a considerable sum will be realised by the sale of ponies.

Hitherto there has always been a profit on these tours, and Hurlingham have at present in hand a cash guarantee fund of £12,000. It is proposed to raise a further guarantee fund of £20,000 from private individuals, and it is anticipated that there will be no difficulty in doing this, seeing that in previous years the guarantors have never been called upon.

PONIES CAREFULLY CHOSEN

The ponies so far chosen have been carefully selected by experts. They are held to be of the highest quality, averaging 15.2 in height, and have been chosen with a view to the players who will be likely

rally followed, and Hill covered himself with glory. He stopped shots from every Navy forward.

Little, the F.A. right-back, also got through some excellent work during these sallies, but by degrees the pressure weakened, and G. R. Brown got another goal for the F.A. before the end.

Except for Renouf, who had no chance with any of the goals, White, and Ford, none of the Navy team played as well as usual.

to be playing them. The question of probable candidates for the team has also received preliminary consideration. Mr. Tyrell Martin, England's captain in the last international series, will be here next year, and Hurlingham is in close touch with India with a view to any likely candidates from that country.

A strong Argentine side will be here next year, and Mr. C. B. Wrightman will bring a team from America, so that our players will be assured of a good try-out.

NEW NAME

The governing body of English polo will in future be known as The Hurlingham Polo Association instead of The Hurlingham Club Polo Committee.

The change is intended to make it clear that it is a body representative of the Empire, and not of a members' club.

Various changes in the management of the London polo season have been suggested. These have not all been finally decided, but a welcome change will be made in the rules prohibiting the changing of players for cup-winning purposes in the Open Cup tournaments.

No change is to be made next season in the handicapping system, a difference having been found to exist on this point between the London and the country clubs.

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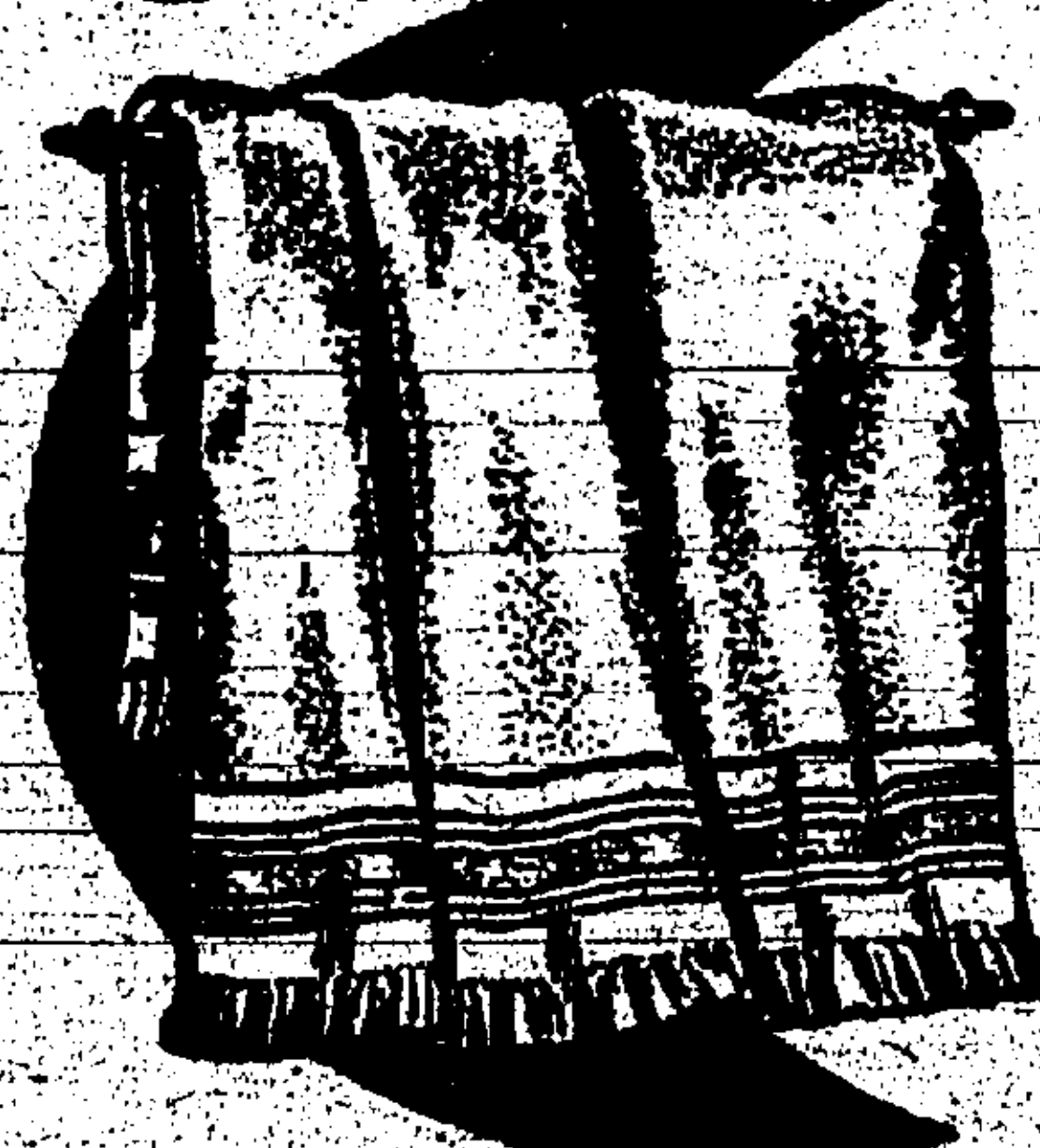
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Bill Muir, above, is field captain of the Central British Association, and President of the H-K. Baseball League.

CRICKET LEAGUE PROGRAMME

FULL FIXTURE CARD

(By "ADREM")

Both the Hong Kong Cricket Club and the Indian Recreation Club, joint holders of the Senior League title, should collect three points this afternoon at the expense of Army and Club de Recreio, respectively, although if either of these two latter teams strike the form they are capable of, there might quite easily be an upset. Navy are at home to the K.C.C., who will be probably be without the services of Ernie Fincher, who is suffering from an inflamed appendix. Provided the Senior Service are not too badly depleted by ships' movements, they should win, having regard to their fine record of late. Both sides are fairly strong in batting, however, and, as the matting wicket at King's Park, is a batsman's paradise, a draw is not at all unlikely.

Craigengower and Civil Service should be featured in a close game and a narrow victory one way or the other would cause no surprise.

JUNIOR DIVISION

The strongest challengers in the Junior League, Craigengower and Army "A", should register victories, although in view of the fact that the latter team are playing on foreign territory, I would not be unduly surprised if the Portuguese team created an upset, more especially as Hatfield one of the finest bowlers in the Colony, will probably be required for the Army Senior team.

There does not appear to be very much of interest in the remainder of the programme, although the result of the University-I.R.C. game is likely to be close.

PROGRAMME

First Division	
C.C.C.	v C.S.C.C.
Navy	v K.C.C.
I.R.C.	v C. de R.
Army	v H.K.C.C.
Second Division	
K.C.C.	v Navy
C.S.C.C.	v C.C.C.
C. de R.	v Army "A"
University	v I.R.C.
H.K.C.C.	v Army "B"
H.K.C.C. 1st XI:—A. W. Hayward (Capt.), F. H. Stokes, M. F. L. Haymes, F. Marshall, R. D. Allen, L. D. Kilbee, L. T. Ride, H. W. Baines, H. Owen Hughes, T. A. Pearce and J. L. C. Pearce.	
K.C.C. 1st XI:—D. J. N. Anderson (Capt.), G. C. Burnett, E. C. Fincher, S. Jex, A. T. Lay, B. D. Lay, R. E. Lee, N. D. Lloyd, T. A. Madar, G. F. O'Brien and F. Zimmermann. Umpire, J. P. Robinson.	
K.C.C. 2nd XI:—A. A. Dand (Capt.),	

SOFTBALL "CELLAR" CHAMPIONS TO BE DECIDED TO-MORROW VETS WILL BE FEATURED IN NEEDLE MATCH

TO-DAY'S "SPOTLIGHT"

(By "SHORTSTOP")

FANS who were disappointed at the postponement of the "battle for the cellar championship" of the Softball League between the C.B.A., and the Machine Gunners last Sunday, will get a double dose to-morrow, when these teams play a double-header, beginning at 10 a.m., on the C.B.A., ground.

A hard tussle should ensue between Bill Muir's aggregation and Porter's hard-hitting cricketers. Both teams are out to win and I am informed that Muir has made a lot of medicine with his boys, and that Porter and his gang have been in several huddles trying out strategic plays.

The last scheduled game for the Vets Softball Club will be with the Filipino Club, on the latter's ground at 10 a.m., to-morrow, and all indications of previous statistics show that the former team should win this clash without much struggle.

But, anything can happen in a ball game! If the Vets win his one, they have the pennant cinched; if they lose, the Forum will tie with them for first place and will have a crack at the championship in a play-off. The Filipino Club will meet the Forum at the second game.

"SPOTLIGHT"

The local baseball League has evolved around one man whose energy and unbounded enthusiasm has managed to put the sport more than ever on a major status. He is William Campbell Muir, who was elected President of the Hong Kong Baseball League in 1936, and who has been re-elected to the same office each year since that time.

Bill was born at Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, on February 23, 1910, and went to England to finish his schooling. Returning to Canada, he gradually became an all-round athlete and, as he says in his jocular manner: "I even played cricket!"

ALL-ROUND ATHLETE

Although riding, skiing and baseball were his chief interests in the field of sport, after his graduation from school, there was hardly a sport in which he did not take some sort of interest.

In 1927, Bill donned the colours

of the Vancouver Amateur Athletic Club in track, rugby, boxing and baseball. He also joined the Holyburn Pacific Ski Club, of which he is still a member.

Still with the V. A. A. C., the next year, he became the runner-up in the welterweight boxing championship of British Columbia, only because he could not get to the finals in time. He played for the Kerrisdale Club that year at short and left-field in their baseball nine, in the Vancouver Commercial League.

"WRASSLER" AND SKIER

Bill took up "wrasslin'" in a big way that year, and was also up to his neck in slalom racing, cross-country and jumping in the Coass "B" skiing at Vancouver. He had the unfortunate experience of not finishing again in the wrestling finals the next year.

Arriving in the Colony in 1934 to take up his duties with the Dairy Farm, his first connection with local sport was when he became a member of the Y. M. C. A., hockey team, and he also played with the local America baseball team.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL NEARING THE END

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RUNNERS-UP

The 24th Battery, after a very poor start are now second in the League table and should have no difficulty in securing both points from the 20th Battery. The only team which will probably challenge them for second place is the Air Force, but as the latter have still to play the Portuguese Sporting Association, the 24th Battery seem assured of this position.

In the Hong Kong Section, the Medicals should secure the section championship to-day, as they are expected to easily defeat the Police. The runners-up berth lies between the Ordnance and the 5th A.A. Bde, Royal Artillery. The former have only two games to play, while the Gunners still have five, one of which is against the Medicals, while both teams have still to meet

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To-morrow the postponed games in the Junior Shield will take place and should result in wins for the Portuguese Sporting Association, who should beat the Air Force, and the Police, who should easily account for the University, who are at the bottom of the Kowloon section of the Third Division.

C.B.A. SOFTBALL TEAM

The following C. B. A. players are requested to turn up for the Softball League on Sunday, at 10 a.m. on the C. B. A. ground at King's Park:—W. Muir, G. Gurevitch, S. MacNider, G. Fowler, D. Blake, S. Fowler, T. Gaubert, H. Millington, C. Spradbury, and N. Whitley.

Relay Of Season's First Rugger Match

12.12.20 p.m.—Relay of a Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Charles Kullman (Tenor). Still as The Night (Bohm). I Love Thee (Grieg). Vale (Russell).
12.40 p.m.—Orchestre Raymonde. Chanson D'Amour (Suk). By The Sleepy Lagoon (Eric Coates). The Dancing Clock (Ewing). Poupee Valsante (Poldini). A Night on The Waves, Finnish Waltz (Koskimaa). Electric Girl (Holmes). Dance of the Merry Mascots (Ketelby).
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Variety.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press; Local Weather Forecast & Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Musical Comedy. "He Wanted Adventure"..... Bobby Howes and Company with Theatre Orch. cond. by Joseph Tunbridge.

To-day's Wireless

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2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.—Excerpts from Grand Opera. Lohengrin—(Wagner) Prelude. London Symphony Orch. cond. by Siegfried Wagner. Lohengrin—In Fernem Land. Richard Crooks (Tenor). Meistersinger—Prelud. Richard Crooks (Tenor). Prince Igor (Borodin) Overture. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates. Tosca—"The Stars were shining." Rigoletto—"Woman is fickle." Gigli (Tenor).
7.30 p.m.—Variety. Phantom Brigade (Myddleton). Aisha (Lindsay). London Palladium Orchestra. Do You remember my First Love Song. Why did I have to Meet You. Gracie Fields.

Clapham and Dwyer on "Hobbies". Tiger Rag. Some of These Days. Mills Brothers. "Heart's Desire"—Film Selection. Cine Studio Orchestra. 8 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report. 8.03 p.m.—Studio—J. McNaught Thomson accompanied by Nura Kanis. 8.20 p.m.—Walton—Facade Suite. Played by the London Philharmonic orchestra conducted by the Composer. 8.37 p.m.—Temianka (Violin) with Chamber Orchestra. Rondo in A Major—Schubert. 8.50 p.m.—London Relay—"London Log". A talk by E. A. Montague. 9 p.m.—Variety. Sing, Gipsy, Sing. Thirty Thirsty Throats.

Roberta—Selection.... Anona Winn. & Reginald Forsyth on two pianos. Winter Sports. Pets.... Murgatroyd & Winterbottom. Funeral March of a Marionette. Nola.... Sydney Gustard (Organ). Slipping Through my Fingers. Got to dance my way to Heaven. Jessie Matthews. 9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News. 9.50 p.m.—Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra from the Grill Room of the Hong Kong Hotel. 11.35 p.m.—London Relay—Wales v. England. A commentary on the International Rugby Union Football Match from Cardiff Arms Park. 12.15 p.m.—Close down.

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G.M.T.
8.15 a.m.—Big Ben. 'London Log'.
8.25 a.m.—Brahms Symphony No. 1 in C minor, Op. 68.
9.15 a.m.—'Over the Farm Gate'.
9.30 a.m.—'BBC Ballroom'.
10.00 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 10.15 a.m.
10.25 a.m.—Close Down.

TRANSMISSION 2

Frequencies—
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GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)
10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. 'Home Is Like That'. The first of three talks by E. M. Delafeld.
11.00 a.m.—'English Country Dances'.
11.25 a.m.—'Film Shots'.
11.45 a.m.—The Edinburgh Police Pipe Band.
12.50 p.m.—Al Collins and his Dance Orchestra.
12.50 p.m.—'London Log'.
1.00 p.m.—The Commodore Grand Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.
1.55 p.m.—Close Down.

TRANSMISSION 3

Frequencies—
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSF 15.14 Mc/s (19.82 m.)
GSJ (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s
1.55 p.m.—Opening Announcements.
2.00 p.m.—Big Ben. 'At the Black Dog'.
2.30 p.m.—Musical Interlude.
2.35 p.m.—Wales v. England: A commentary on the international Rugby Union football match, from Cardiff Arms Park.
4.15 p.m.—Operatic Selections.
4.30 p.m.—The News, Saturday Sport, and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.45 p.m.
5.00 p.m.—Close Down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

A Psychic Bid

"Dear Mr. Culbertson: The hand herewith may be of interest to your readers. I, who was South, do not favour psychic bids and my partner was well aware of that aversion. Hence it was not to be wondered at that she considered my first bid an honest one. My excuse is that I was reckless, having won several rubbers.

"East, dealer.

"Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

S.—A Q 5 4 3
H.—A K J 5 3
D.—Q 8 6
C.—None

WEST

S.—K 9 8 2
H.—Q 8 2
D.—K 10 9
C.—A 10 9

EAST

S.—None
H.—10 9 7 4
D.—5 4 3
C.—Q 7 5 4 3 2

SOUTH

S.—J 10 7 6
H.—6
D.—A J 7 2
C.—K J 8 6

"The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1 heart	Double	2 spades
3 clubs	3 spades	4 clubs	4 hearts
Double 4 spades	Double	Double	5 hearts
Double 5 no trump	Double	Double	6 hearts
Double 6 spades	Double	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass		

"East led a low club, dummy played the jack. West the ace, and North ruffed. The diamond queen was led, the finesse losing to West's king. West returned a heart. North won with the ace and ruffed a low heart with the spade six. Dummy led the spade jack. West refused to cover, and the ten then was led, which also held the trick. South's last trump was led, the finesse taken, and the king dropped. North

then cashed the remaining tricks, since his hearts and diamonds all were good. Thus the doubled contract was made.

"I am not defending the bidding or play, but just recounting the facts. I may sink to the depths of psychic bidding unless you 'expose me' in your column.

"Your very truly,

"J. C. S., Buffalo, N. Y."

I can't tell from the above letter whether or not my contributor realised that the weirdly bid slam was fulfilled only through the gracious co-operation of the West player. The latter already had taken his diamond king and it should have been like shooting fish in a bathtub to have taken the setting trick in the trump suit itself.

It was all right for West to refuse to cover the first spade honour, but when he failed to cover the second he deserved a finely engraved booby prize. Apparently West overlooked the potential value of his nine and eight of trumps.

Unless South, my correspondent, can regularly count on this type of defence, I suggest that he do not let the success of this particular psychic go to his head.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: Partner opened the bidding with one no trump. What is my correct response with the following hand?

S.—7 H.—K Q J 6 5 3 D.—8 6 4
C.—9 6 3 7

Answer: Four hearts. With only one and one-half honour tricks you cannot make a forcing take out, yet with at least a three card heart holding and four honour tricks in partner's hand, game is probable.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE KING'S—"Knight Without Armour"—Marlene Dietrich and Robert Donat are co-starred in this thrilling romantic adventure. Laid in Russia during the exciting time of the Revolution, it provides the stars with the finest acting opportunities of their careers. Prominent in the supporting cast are Irene Vanbrugh, Herbert Lomas, Austin Trevor, Basil Gill, John Clements and Miles Malleon.

AT THE QUEEN'S AND ALHAMBRA—"The Singing Marine"—Dick Powell, Lee Dixon, Doris Weston, Hugh Herbert, Doc Rockwell, Jane Darwell and Allen Jenkins in a rollicking musical romance, built round America's most famous fighting corps.

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AT THE ORIENTAL—"Topper", with Gary Grant, Roland Young and Constance Bennett. An uproarious comedy with Roland Young as the hen pecked husband who finds himself as the result of a dreadful nightmare. The picture is highly recommended.

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Soviet-Manchukuo Dispute Over Aeroplane

Khabarovsk, To-day.

The alleged detention of a Soviet aeroplane, together with its crew and civil air mail, in Manchuria, is the subject of vigorous protests to the Japanese authorities by the Soviet Consulate-General in Harbin and the Soviet Embassy in Tokyo.

CONFUCIUS' DESCENDANT IN HANKOW

Hankow, To-day.

Kung Teh-cheng, lineal descendant of Confucius, speaking at a formal reception in his honour yesterday evening, said he had come to Hankow to participate actively in the campaign of resistance against the aggressor.

He deplored that a country with such an ancient civilisation should

It is stated that the plane lost its way in the Amur region, and made a forced landing in Manchuria in December.

The pilot and his assistant were taken to Harbin where they are still detained.

The Japanese Government has informed the Soviet Ambassador that the matter must be handled by the Manchukuo Government.—Reuter.

become the victim of foreign invasion.

He said Japan had derived her civilisation from China, and it was sacrilege that Chufu, birthplace of Confucius, should now be occupied by Japanese troops.

Concluding, he expressed confidence in China's ultimate victory.—Reuter.

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Canton, To-day.

An air raid alarm was sounded shortly after 7 o'clock this morning, followed a few minutes later by the roar of three Japanese planes over the city heading in the northward direction towards the Canton-Hankow Railway.

Anti-aircraft guns thundered into action but no hits were scored.

This is the first time that the guns have been audible throughout the city since the exciting raid ten days ago when the schools of Saichuen were destroyed.

Eight planes were sighted at Tongkawan at 8.20 a.m. apparently heading for Canton. Twenty-five minutes later the gun again went into action but there are no details as to the result.

Several fragments of shrapnel were picked up in the Tungshan District.—Reuter.

Shanghai, To-day.

Entry of a party of eleven Japanese, believed to be of the ronin type, into the Paramount Ballroom shortly after 10 o'clock last night, resulted in a disturbance which led to closing of this popular amusement centre.

Four of the Japanese party were wearing uniforms somewhat similar to that of the Japanese army, and all kept their hats on.

As soon as they arrived they started to create disturbances, shouted at other patrons and pushed and shoved and were generally most aggressive.

While dancing they attempted to push aside everyone who happened to be in the way.

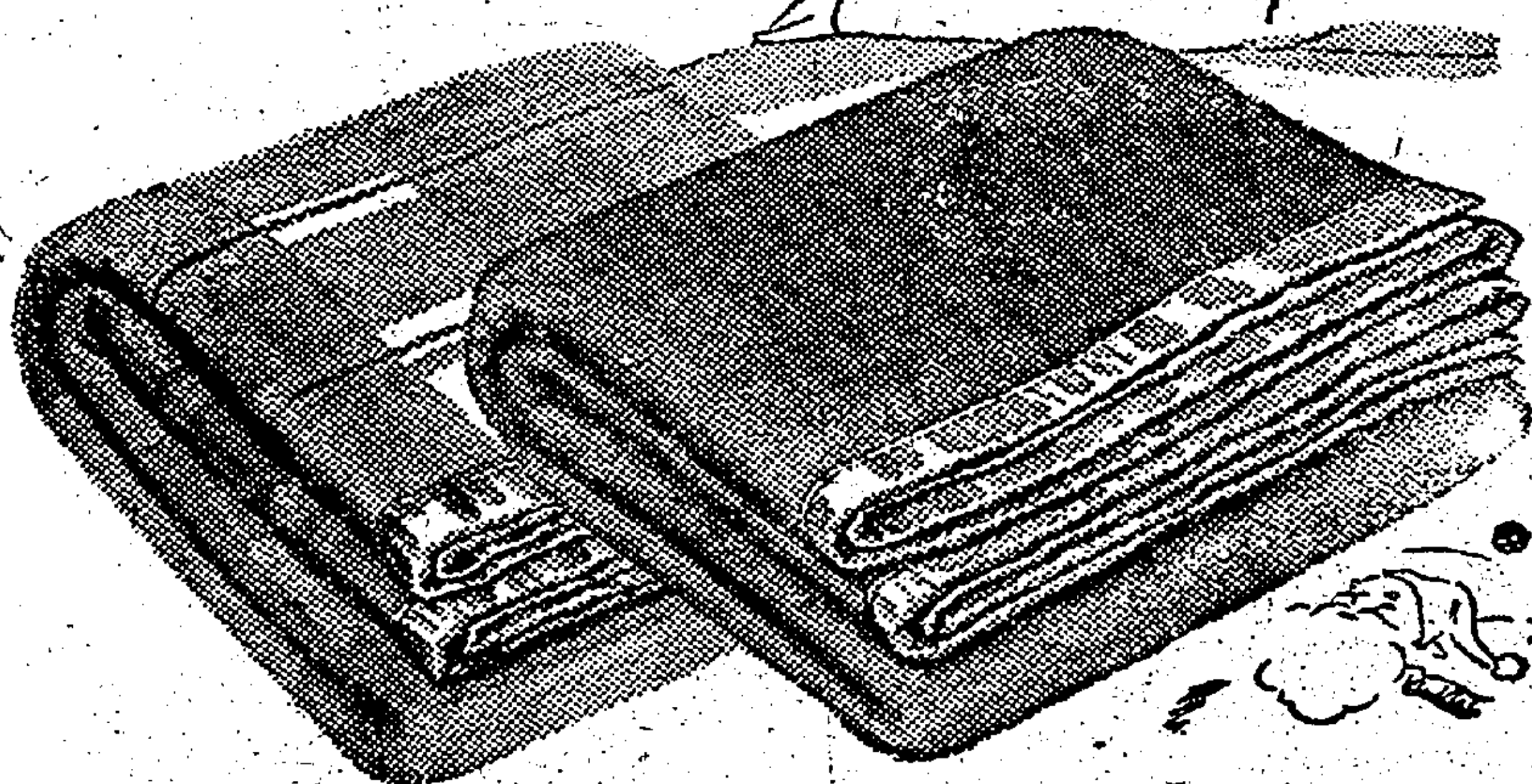
One of the Japanese picked up a chair and waved it aloft until it was taken from him.

The other patrons remained quiet during the disturbance until one of the Japanese approached a Russian taxi-dancer, picked her up and started carrying her across the room, whereupon several patrons intervened.

Several Settlement police, including a Japanese sergeant and a foreign sergeant, who were summoned by the management, were unable to pacify the Japanese party, and the police finally advised the management to close the establishment to prevent further disturbances.—Reuter.

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